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Setting the record deficit

▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks to the Chinese Business Association luncheon in Mississauga yesterday.

Deficit for 2010-11 expected to be $3.7 billion less than projected $49.2 billion shortfall ◐ Rebound largely attributed to Canada's quick recovery from recession

Ottawa suffered the biggest deficit in history last year at $55.6 billion, but Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the government remains on track to balance the budget in just over five years.

In a fiscal update delivered yesterday, Flaherty said Ottawa is roughly on track with its projections for spending and revenues and will record its first surplus in eight years in 2015-16.

"The plan to bring the budget back to balance will ensure that the federal debt, measured relative to the size of the economy, resumes its downward track by 2012-13," Flaherty said. "The private sector ... must be Canada's economic engine of growth, not government."

$55.6B
The federal deficit for the 2009-10 reporting period, the largest in Canadian history.

Unlike in some past years, the government unveiled no new spending or cost-cutting measures in the update, but it did contain some surprises.

Owing to a one-time cost of $5.6 billion for transitional assistance to Ontario and British Columbia to change to a harmonized sales tax this year, the 2009-2010 deficit hit a record $55.6 billion.

That's $1.8 billion more than budgeted for in March and about $10 billion more than the previous biggest in the early 1990s.

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Fantino wants to be a Tory MP

Ontario's former top cop, who broke ranks with police leaders nationwide by opposing the long-gun registry, said yesterday he wants to enter federal politics under the Conservative banner.

Julian Fantino — whose tenure as Ontario Provincial Police commissioner had its fair share of controversy — told supporters yesterday that he will seek the Tory nomination for Vaughan. The longtime Liberal riding held by MP Maurizio Bevilacqua, who is now running for Vaughan mayor, will be up for grabs in an upcoming by-election.

During his time as commissioner Fantino said the registry was "long on philosophy and short on practical results." Yesterday, he called it an "obscene waste of taxpayer money."

At least one expert said Fantino could be a powerful political ally for Prime Minister Stephen Harper in his battle to scrap the registry.

"(The Conservatives) want to highlight some high-profile policeman who agrees with them, and don't want people to see all the police that are opposed to their position," said Henry Jacek, a political science professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, who called it a "bright move."

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▶ Julian Fantino with his wife, Liviana, in Woodbridge after announcing his intention to run for Parliament.

Commuters weigh in on things to fix

Riders and activists were asked: What one thing would you do to improve transportation in the GTA

Transit

- **MADONNA GABALLA, 21, STUDENT:** Reduce the cost.
- **RIK AIKMAN:** Move work locations out of downtown Toronto into the suburban GTA.

Surface

- **SONIA DE LORENZI:** Add some express buses to downtown from midtown.
- **STREETCAR ADVOCATE STEVE MUNRO:** A fare union among all GTA systems, including GO Transit, and proper funding so cheaper cross-system fares don't come at the expense of good service.
- **MIKE DRACH, MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, MARCH ENTERTAINMENT:** Replace all streetcars with hybrid-electric buses. We need vehicles that can actually pull over and change directions without having to use a crowbar.
- **TINA KANE, INJURED CYCLIST:** Provide streetcars or buses that serve the core only, running in a loop to pick up those who cannot fit on the streetcars from the eastern or western ends of the city.

Subway

- **CHRYS BENTLEY, MUSICIAN:** Make it more accessible.
- **SANDY BARB, 30, AUDITOR:** Reduce delays.
- **GRANT SMITH, IT SPECIALIST, 55:** More frequent trains during rush hour.

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▶ One rider suggested the TTC should clean the stations and put in more garbage bins.

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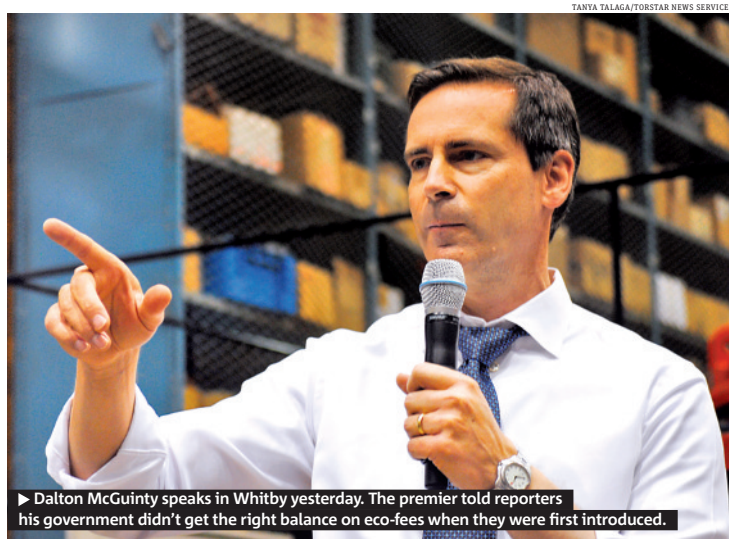

▶ Dalton McGuinty speaks in Whitby yesterday. The premier told reporters his government didn't get the right balance on eco-fees when they were first introduced.

Eco fees meet their maker

◗ Hugely unpopular, controversial taxes scrapped by Liberal government ◗ Province starts new program

Eco fees slapped on thousands of household products failed to strike the right balance between protecting the environment and protecting consumers, Premier Dalton McGuinty admitted yesterday as the province announced it would scrap the program.

"I'm confident that we have found a better way to strike that balance that is much more sensitive to what our families are going through right now," McGuinty said after an unrelated event.

"They're very sensitive to additional costs, they're very anxious about the economy, and our responsibility is to be sensitive to that."

The eco fees kicked in July 1, the same day the much-publicized harmonized sales tax took effect in Ontario. But there was no advance warning, and consumers felt blindsided by a dizzying array of charges on 9,000 products including bleach, household cleaners and laundry detergent.

"They thought they could get this through on the same day the HST was in our focus and they didn't get away with it."
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CRITIC PETER SHURMAN

The government decided to dramatically scale back the recycling program after the complaints, and after realizing most of containers for the products involved can be put into Blue Boxes for recycling as long as they're empty, said Environment Minister John Wilkinson.

"What was announced on July 1 wasn't working for people and it wasn't working for us," admitted Wilkinson.

"We are now entering into an agreement with municipalities about some materials that are definitely hazardous and we have to make sure that they stay out of our landfill."

Municipalities will be given about $8 million a year to help them deal with old fire extinguishers, rechargeable batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, needles, pharmaceuticals and any mercury-containing devices, Wilkinson added.

Despite the government's announcement yesterday, not all eco fees are being scrapped.

Programs that existed prior to July 1 which divert, recycle and dispose of tires, electronics such as television sets and household waste such as paint and single-use batteries will continue to charge eco fees to consumers.

"We don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater," said Wilkinson.

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▶ George Smitherman talks to the media yesterday about the rollout of his new TV and radio ads.

AD BLITZ

SMITHERMAN 'A MAN WITH A PLAN'

George Smitherman has released an unexpectedly positive ad blitz that doesn't mention front-running mayoral rival Rob Ford.

The TV, radio, print and YouTube ads unveiled yesterday call Smitherman "a man with a plan" who would launch a war on waste and freeze taxes for a year while building transportation networks and "city services that work for you."

Black-and-white images in the TV commercial show the former Ontario cabinet minister — dubbed "furious George" at Queen's Park for his combative political style — beaming as he meets voters while campaigning.

While many expected Smitherman to launch attack ads on Ford, like those released last week by deputy mayor Joe Pantalone, Smitherman told reporters he feels no need to point out the Etobicoke councillor's foibles, saying "people know what they're dealing with."

He pointed out that Ford's mugshot from a 1999 Florida drunk driving arrest and later conviction was splashed across Toronto newspapers in August.

One of Smitherman's two radio ads urges residents to vote for "a progressive mayor," which Smitherman acknowledged is an attempt to appeal to left-of-centre voters who might normally vote for Pantalone, who received an endorsement from Mayor David Miller last week.

Smitherman was asked about anonymous signs that popped up on University Avenue overnight that don't name Ford, but appeared to attack his character.

Smitherman called such attacks "cowardly" and said if he is going to take somebody to task, he will do it "frontally" and with his name attached.

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Pub owner sues Ford for $6M

George Foulidis is seeking $5 million in damages for lost income and $1 million in punitive damages, as well as costs

Blunt-talking Rob Ford is being sued for $6 million by the owner of the infamous Boardwalk Pub.

Last month, George Foulidis gave the mayoral front-runner an ultimatum: Apologize for suggesting he bribed city officials in exchange for a lucrative vending contract in the Beach or face a libel lawsuit.

Ford's campaign team told reporters the candidate had no intention of backing away from earlier comments.

The candidate was formally served yesterday. Ford did not respond to a request for comment.

The 11-page lawsuit accuses the crusading Etobicoke councillor of exploiting the Foulidis family for political gain.

"Mr. Ford knows that there is no evidence of wrongdoing by Mr. Foulidis," the claim alleges.

"He has done (this) solely for political gain and has sacrificed the reputation of Mr. Foulidis in the process."

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

According to the claim, in a July 29 interview with CFRB, Ford was asked, "Is someone getting money under the table?"

Ford replied: "I truly believe they are and that's my personal opinion, and when I see all these donations, going through campaigns, it stinks to high heaven, we tried to reopen it, and they wouldn't reopen it."

Mayor David Miller was quick to call the comments "irresponsible" and "reckless," but Foulidis is the first to legally challenge Ford's assertion that city hall is rife with corruption.

In 2006, city council controversially voted to extend the lease of the Boardwalk Pub for 20 years without putting it up for tender, against the recommendation of city staff.

The issue resurfaced earlier this year when council was asked to vote on the specifics of the final contract.

Ford has used the sole-sourced deal on the campaign trail as exhibit A of the wasteful spending at city hall.

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▶ Boardwalk Pub owner George Foulidis, left, seen here with his brother Danny, has served Rob Ford with a $6-million lawsuit, accusing the mayoral front-runner of exploiting the Foulidis family for political gain.

"If Rob Ford has any proof of corruption, come forward with it and I'll give up my lease this minute. Bring it now. Not later." GEORGE FOULIDIS, BOARDWALK PUB

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Take down adult sex ads, Ontario urges Craigslist

Craigslist agreed to nix adult services sections in the U.S. after an open letter signed by 17 attorneys general

Ontario says it's only fair that the online service Craigslist stop carrying ads for prostitutes in the province under its erotic services section, just as it has done in the United States.

Three Ontario cabinet ministers signed a Sept. 14 letter to Craigslist CEO Jim Buckmaster applauding the service for agreeing to requests from attorneys general south of the border to shut down links to prostitution-related ads.

The Ontario ministers noted the website has not taken similar action in Canadian cities, where there are still hundreds of ads offering sex in exchange for money.

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▶ Attorney General Chris Bentley.

"While we applaud Craigslist for the conscientious response to the requests for assistance from our American colleagues, it has come to our attention that at present, none of these initiatives have been taken with Craigslist sites serving Canadian cities," the letter reads.

"We respectfully ask that Craigslist immediately take the same initiatives with its sites serving Ontario. This is a simple matter of fairness."

Ontario residents deserve the same protections extended to those accessing Craigslist sites in the U.S., added the letter, which was signed by Attorney General Chris Bentley, Youth Services Minister Laurel Broten and Community Safety Minister Jim Bradley. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hamilton given arena deadline

Pan Am Games organizers are giving Hamilton until Feb. 1 to make a final decision on a stadium for the 2015 Games.

The latest extension is being called the final deadline for the city to decide on a stadium location and how it will be financed. If those questions are not answered, the stadium will be given to another municipality. The location appears to be mostly decided, with most participants backing the CP Aberdeen rail yards site favoured by the CFL's Tiger-Cats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Even with last week's financial commitment by the Tiger-Cats factored in, the city is more than $40 million short of the $166 million that is needed to build a large enough stadium to meet the needs of the CFL.

▶ The first of five Toronto bike boxes has been painted at the intersection of St. George and Harbord.

WHAT'S A BIKE BOX?

They're meant to make intersections safer, but the new bike boxes on St. George and Harbord streets. are being mostly overlooked by cyclists and drivers alike.

The 'box' is in fact a painted pavement marking that gives cyclists a designated space to wait at a light, in front of cars.

The idea is that making cyclists more visible to motorists will reduce the likelihood that they get cut off or hit when vehicles around them make turns.

It also means drivers cannot turn right on a red light when behind a waiting bike.

Toronto became the latest city to introduce bike boxes this month.

But Monday afternoon, most cyclists passing through followed the usual practice of leaning on the curb at red lights.

Bike boxes are coming to four more intersections on the U of T campus this fall. The next will be painted along the bike lanes on Hoskin Avenue and College Street, including ones at Queen's Park Crescent and at Spadina Avenue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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GAYS IN THE MILITARY

Judge kills 'don't ask, don't tell'

A federal judge issued a worldwide injunction yesterday immediately stopping enforcement of the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, suspending the 17-year-old ban on openly gay U.S. troops.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' landmark ruling also ordered the government to suspend and discontinue all pending discharge proceedings and investigations under the policy.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have 60 days to appeal. Pentagon and Department of Justice officials said they are reviewing the case and had no immediate comment.

Legal experts say the Obama administration is under no legal obligation to appeal and could let Phillips' ruling stand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon, flanked by Peter Kent, Canadian Secretary of State for the Americas, left, and Canada's UN Ambassador, John McNee, at a news conference at United Nations headquarters yesterday.

Canada falls short of security council

Canada received 78 votes on second ballot 50 short of required number

Bruised on the second ballot by its Portuguese rival, Canada called an abrupt halt to its bid yesterday to rejoin the United Nations Security Council — the country's second international black eye in as many days — and laid the blame for its failure squarely at the feet of Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

Despite recent rumblings about Canada's decidedly Israel-friendly foreign policy, it was Ignatieff, having last month openly questioned whether Canada was ready to re-join the council, who earned the brunt of the blame from both Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon and the Prime Minister's Office.

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▶ Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff

At a brief news conference at the United Nations, Cannon insisted it was Ignatieff's comments alone that put the boots to Canada's hopes, and he denied any knowledge of other issues having played a role.

"I do not think that this is a repudiation of Canada's foreign policy," Cannon told a news conference.

Still, several ambassadors who emerged from the vote made no mention of Ignatieff's remarks; one had never heard of him. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rae weighs in on failure at UN

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▶ Bob Rae

Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae waved off the Conservative rhetoric as little more than a diversionary tactic.

"We have to ignore the Harperites' bluster and realize that we've lost ground," Rae said.

"They have to take responsibility for what's happened, and stop whacking everyone else. They're paying a price for neglect, ideology, and incompetence. And everyone knows it."

One Canadian observer said the Conservatives need to look no further than Stephen Harper himself for what went wrong at the United Nations.

"It is a reflection not so much on Canada as on the Harper government," said historian Robert Bothwell, an expert on foreign relations at the University of Toronto.

"This is, after all, the prime minister who showed his contempt for the UN by very publicly skipping a session and going to a Tim Hortons to be photographed. Perhaps Harper can get a seat on the Tim Hortons security council." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories to blame for U.A.E. flap?

The Liberals are blaming Tory "incompetence" for an embarrassing landing-rights dispute between Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

The two countries were in talks to allow U.A.E. airlines more flights to Canadian airports, but the deal was called off.

Canada has thus lost access to a major staging ground for troops headed in and out of Afghanistan.

Air Canada had strenuously objected to any expansion of the U.A.E. airlines' service, and the talks broke down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The U.A.E. is a very important strategic partner of Canada ... and, for a variety of reasons that come down to incompetence, the government didn't take them seriously."
LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

Stonehenge in the Caucasus

A Russian archaeologist claimed yesterday to have found the well-preserved stone ruins of a "Caucasian Stonehenge" built by a previously unknown Bronze Age civilization in southern Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hearing hits snag

A military hearing to determine whether an Army psychiatrist should go to trial for last year's deadly Fort Hood shootings was unexpectedly stalled yesterday, after defence attorneys requested a month-long delay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigation into death of Brit aid worker

- Linda Norgrove kidnapped in Afghanistan last month
- May have been killed by U.S. grenade during rescue

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▶ Barack Obama

U.S. and U.K. military officials have started what's promised as a thorough investigation into the death of a kidnapped British aid worker who may have been killed in error by U.S. special forces — rather than, as originally stated, by her Taliban captors.

Linda Norgrove's death has reverberated through the corridors of power from Kabul, to London, to Washington — where U.S. President Barack Obama expressed condolences and pledged "to get to the bottom" of what happened during the deadly raid.

Norgrove, 36, and six insurgents were killed Friday night after U.S. special forces stormed a compound in eastern Kunar province where she had been held for two weeks.

Norgrove and three Afghan colleagues were ambushed and kidnapped Sept. 26. Her colleagues were quickly freed.

NATO said initially Norgrove was killed by her captors. On Monday, however, alliance officials said new information indicated Norgrove may have been killed by a U.S. grenade.

"The review showed what was believed to be a member of the rescue team throwing a hand grenade in the area near where Ms. Norgrove was later found," said NATO spokeswoman Maj. Sunset Belinsky. "It's now unclear what the exact circumstances surrounding her death are, and the investigation will attempt to determine the facts."

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen emphasized that "whatever happened, I would like to stress that those who are responsible of course are the captors." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surrogacy. Business

▶ Tina Franklin shows photos of the babies she's given birth to as a surrogate mother.

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Making motherhood

Former surrogate mother Tina Franklin shows photos of the babies she's carried at her new business, the Oregon Surrogacy Center in Rainier, Ore. The Washington woman opened the centre last month because it's legal to compensate surrogate mothers in Oregon, but not in Washington.

Youngster ties up 911 for hours

Police have a message for parents: Don't let your child play with your cellphone. Police in Owen Sound said a youngster — probably around four or five years old — really got their attention on the weekend.

The child, named Alex, was playing with a cellphone and called the 911 emergency line 400 times. THE CANADIAN PRESS

North Korea's rival sons

Kim Jong Il's eldest son says he opposes a hereditary transfer of power to his younger half-brother. Scan the code for the story.

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▶ Workers test the capsule being used to free the miners yesterday.

The wait for good news at Chilean mine

Miners were to be lifted to surface Fresh air and freedom just hours away for 33 men trapped for 69 days

ARTURO FIGUEROA
METRO WORLD NEWS

The first man to be freed from the San José mine was expected to be lifted to the surface late last night after miraculously surviving more than two months below ground, Chile's Mining Minister Laurence Golborne announced.

The minister announced the planned rescue at a news conference near the mine site, saying officials "hope to have at least one of our miners on the surface" before midnight local time. In the meantime, personnel have been carrying out final tests of the equipment used to lift them up to safety. These included testing the human capsule and winching system used to bring the miners up from below one by one, Golborne informed journalists.

Since Aug. 5, the 33 miners have been trapped underground at the San José mine near Copiapó, northern Chile, enduring 68 days of fear, trepidation and yearning for freedom. It is the longest ordeal ever suffered by a group of miners caught underground.

12/8

On Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception — a holiday in Chile — local authorities in the town of Copiapó near the stricken mine are planning to present each miner with a distinguished citizens' award, the Illustrious Sons of Chile Medal.

Concern for miners as Chile preps for party

Media outlets at Camp Hope near the mine site report there is a huge sense of excitement building up among the miners' families. The miners' relatives have been immersed in the grand preparations to welcome Chile's trapped miners upon their rescue.

However, a leading psychologist at the mine has warned that the miners should be received in a most appropriate fashion, allowing them to enjoy at least 15 days of serious rest before any major partying.

Alberto Iturra, the chief of the psychologists' team supporting the trapped miners, along with members of the Chilean Security Association, wants to put a damper on the impending festivities, recommending a minimum rest period of 15 days for the miners upon their rescue.

"The miners should pay no attention to invitations from people who haven't gone through what they have. To be exposed to a situation involving unreserved celebrating is clearly unwise," said the Chilean psychologist.

"The best thing is to take a long and discreet rest with their families and friends.

"After that period, they have all the freedom but should make wise decisions; they should decide the limits of their actions," Iturra added.

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Festivities

- Despite medical officials' warnings of restraint, towns and villages across Chile are revving up their plans for major festivities to greet the rescued miners.
- In the south of the country, the province of Ranco is preparing in earnest to rejoice native Juan Carlos Aguilar's safe return, organizing a massive reception in honour of their miner hero.
- Relatives and friends of Jimmy Sánchez, 19, the youngest trapped miner, are set to host a "mega-party" to celebrate the imminent rescue of the 33 miners trapped 700 metres deep in the San José mine.

Cocaine found in machine

Police in B.C. have intercepted a drug shipment with Mexican connections for the second time in two weeks and four men are facing charges. The RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency report 97 kilograms of cocaine worth almost $4 million was found hidden in a fruit-crushing machine bound for Kelowna.

The machine had been shipped from Argentina through the U.S. and was intercepted at Vancouver airport when agents thought it was too heavy and its origin and destination were suspicious.

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Hurricane approaches Mexico

Hurricane Paula has strengthened into a Category 2 storm with top sustained winds of 160 kilometres per hour off the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said yesterday Paula was moving north-northwest. The storm was about 220 km south-southeast of Cozumel, Mexico, and its centre was forecast to approach the east coast of the Yucatan Peninsula last night and today.

Honduran emergency officials have been urging coastal residents to evacuate low-lying areas.

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Deadly collision near Ottawa

An 18-year-old woman is dead and several people were taken to hospitals after a collision east of Pembroke, Ont.

Ontario provincial police report Chi Hui Seo, of Deep River, Ont., was a passenger in a minivan that crossed the line on Highway 17 Monday night and collided with another vehicle.

Four other people in the minivan, along with the two people in the other vehicle, were taken to hospitals in Pembroke and Renfrew.

The highway reopened yesterday and the investigation is continuing.

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Germany. Light it up

▶ Tourists take pictures of the colourful display.

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Lights, camera, action in Berlin

Tourists took snapshots of Berlin's famous Brandenburg Gate, colourfully illuminated, during a rehearsal of the Festival Of Lights yesterday. During the sixth edition of the festival, which runs until Oct. 24, different buildings and places in the German capital will be illuminated.

Mission nearly accomplished for ex-president

Jimmy Carter's organization has helped bring two deadly diseases to the brink of eradication

JOE SONGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Jimmy Carter

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter says his mission to eradicate two diseases that have affected millions in some of the world's poorest nations is nearly complete.

Speaking yesterday at The Carter Center, he also announced two $500,000 US grants from the OPEC Fund for International Development that will help fund his efforts against Guinea worm disease and river blindness. The grant to fight Guinea worm will be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Since 1986, a coalition led by the Carter Center has reduced Guinea worm disease worldwide by more than 99 per cent, from an estimated 3.5 million reported cases in 20 countries in Africa and Asia to about 1,600 cases in Sudan, Ghana, Mali and Ethopia. The transmission of river blindness has been stopped in seven of the original 13 areas in Latin America targeted by the centre.

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New delay in corruption trial

The political corruption trial of former B.C. government employees Dave Basi, Bobby Virk and Aneal Basi was delayed yet again yesterday, when the Crown asked the judge for more time to reorganize its case.

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Graham to leave helm of Liberals

Departing New Brunswick premier Shawn Graham says he will serve as a member of the provincial legislature, but will step down as leader of the Liberal party next month.

Graham was a no-show at a ceremony at the legislature today for the 55 members taking the oath of allegiance.

The oath is required for those taking a seat in the legislative assembly.

Graham said he had meetings with the president of the party this morning, and will take the oath at a later date.

His Liberal government was defeated in last month's provincial election in New Brunswick.

Graham won his seat in the riding of Kent — one of only 13 Liberals elected.

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Prostitution case approved

A retired B.C. prostitute and a group representing sex workers on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside will be able to move forward with their challenge of Canada's anti-prostitution laws.

In a ruling released this morning, the B.C. Court of Appeal set aside a lower court's conclusion that the two didn't have standing to challenge the case because only active sex workers could be named in the action.

The Appeal Court concluded Sheryl Kiselbach and the Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society have a public interest right to challenge the laws.

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Ruling

- The case was launched in 2007, and the ruling comes just weeks after the Ontario Superior Court struck down the three laws that criminalize most sex work.

Tractors collecting food

Farm Credit Canada employees are driving tractors through Ontario communities collecting food for local food banks. The tour started in Hawkesbury yesterday and travels to Alfred College today. METRO

Nurse bid successful: Sask.

The Saskatchewan government says its bid to attract more nurses and tackle a shortage that officials said could hurt health care has been a success. The government says 830 new nurses have been hired.

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Warnings may have been missed

Ajkai Timfoldgyar aluminum plant was sold to private investors in 1990s

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▶ Red sludge is collected in Kolontar, Hungary, yesterday. Hungarian police have detained the director of the aluminum company responsible for a flood of caustic red sludge that killed eight people and injured more than 100 when it burst from its reservoir last week.

An aerial photo taken months before a gigantic reservoir unleashed torrents of toxic sludge shows a faint red trail trickling through the container wall — part of a growing body of evidence that inspectors who gave the pit a clean bill of health may have missed warning signs.

Police were examining the photo yesterday as part of an investigation into how part of the wall containing the 10 million cubic metres of caustic slurry could have given way without structural weaknesses being detected by a team of inspectors from the government's environmental agency, who had inspected the container pond less then two weeks before the spill.

Disaster commissioner Gyorgy Bakondi, appointed to the newly created post Monday night, said yesterday the inspections were under investigation, including claims by environmental inspectors that "they had found everything in order."

"We have well-founded reasons to believe that there were people who knew about the dangerous weakening of the reservoir wall, but for personal reasons they thought it wasn't worth repairing."

HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR ORBAN

As the police probe gathered steam, judicial authorities scheduled a court appearance for Zoltan Bakony, the managing director of the company that owned the reservoir, to decide whether he should be formally charged and whether he should remain in custody.

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Dozens dead after bus hit by train

'The driver violated traffic rules,' said a spokeswoman for local police

A train engine rammed through a stalled passenger bus in eastern Ukraine yesterday, killing 43 people and injuring eight as the bus was pushed 300 metres down the tracks.

Officials said the driver ignored the siren of the oncoming train, and the bus stalled on the tracks as the driver tried to shift gears. Witnesses said the driver also ignored a red light.

The bus was smashed into a pile of metal by the blue locomotive, which was not pulling any cars.

Road and railway accidents are common in Ukraine, where the roads are in poor condition and drivers and passengers routinely disregard traffic rules. But officials said this was the deadliest auto accident in the country's history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What happened?

- Ukraine's Railways said the train driver saw the bus heading toward the tracks from 500 metres away and sounded the distress siren, which the driver ignored.
- The train driver applied the emergency brake system, but the locomotive was travelling at a speed of 75 km/h and was unable to stop in time.
- A crash survivor reportedly said the passengers tried to stop the driver from crossing the tracks when they saw the red light and heard the siren.

Stockholm. The budget walk

▶ Minister of Finance Anders Borg walks the traditional "budget walk" yesterday from the Ministry of Finance to the Swedish parliament where he presented Sweden's national budget in Stockholm.

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Sweden expects growth

Sweden has raised its economic growth forecast for 2010 to 4.8 per cent as the Scandinavian country rebounds quicker than expected from the recession.

EU probing tax breaks for Church

The European Commission has placed Italy under investigation for granting tax breaks to the Catholic Church for church-run clinics and hostels amid complaints the exemptions give the church an unfair advantage.

While stressing it was not prejudging the investigation's outcome, the commission said yesterday it believed the exemptions violate EU rules on state subsidies. The Italian government has a month to respond before the commission makes a decision. If it rules against Italy, the EU could order Italy to demand that the church reimburse the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Specific breaks

- The EU didn't specify whether the tax breaks were for the Italian Catholic Church or the Vatican, which has extensive real estate in Rome.

Dad accused of death behind bars

The Montreal father of a teenage girl who died under mysterious circumstances will remain behind bars for now.

The Crown said no new charges will be brought against the accused, Moussa Sidime, until an autopsy is completed on his daughter. He is already accused of aggravated assault.

The man has been jailed since his 13-year-old daughter, Noutene Sidime, was hospitalized last week.

Police said the 71-year-old father struck the girl.

The teenager passed away Saturday, three days after the alleged assault. Police said the man called 911 last Wednesday to say the girl was unconscious. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar

Drilling freeze ended

Moratorium likely caused temporary loss of 8,000-12,000 jobs in Gulf region: U.S. report ◐ Drilling companies must meet new safety rules

The Obama administration, under heavy pressure from the oil industry and others in the Gulf Coast, yesterday lifted the moratorium on deep-water drilling it imposed in the wake of the disastrous BP oil spill.

The six-month ban had been scheduled to expire Nov. 30, but U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said he was moving up that deadline because new rules imposed after the spill have strengthened safety measures and reduced the risk of another catastrophic blowout.

"The policy position that we are articulating today is that we are open for business," Salazar said.

The action comes as a federal judge weighed a drilling company's bid to overturn the moratorium.

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Nepal. Record

▶ Nepal's Khagendra Thapa Magar arrives to meet members of the media yesterday in Pokhara, some 200 kilometres from Kathmandu, Nepal.

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World's smallest man

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▶ Liu Xia

Wife hopes to collect Peace Prize

Liu Xia says friends even outside Beijing are also under house arrest

The wife of imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo said yesterday she hopes to travel to Norway to collect the Nobel Peace Prize on his behalf, though for now she can only leave her Beijing home under police escort.

China, meanwhile, claimed the award was an attack on the country and an attempt to change its political system, and retaliated by cancelling another set of meetings with the Norwegian government.

"At this point, I can't even get out of my own house door, let alone the gates of the country."
LIU XIA, WIFE OF IMPRISONED CHINESE DISSIDENT LIU XIAOBO

Liu Xia, using a new cellphone brought to her by a brother after police rendered her old one unusable, said her husband has started receiving better food since the Oslo-based Nobel committee announced the award last Friday — honouring his more than two decades of advocacy of human rights and peaceful democratic change that started with the demonstrations at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

The new phone has since been disconnected as of last night.

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Bankruptcy filings fall, alternative on the rise

1.9 Overall, the number of insolvencies, which include bankruptcies and proposals, rose 1.9 per cent in August from the month before, but were down 12.4 per cent compared to last year.

The number of Canadians who declared bankruptcy in August fell dramatically from last year, when many rushed to beat new regulations that make bankruptcy filling more expensive and time consuming.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy said bankruptcies fell 25 per cent from last August.

The number of Canadians filing for consumer proposals — an alternative that offers protection from creditors while a portion of debt is repaid — has risen 37 per cent since last August. Consumer proposals are being used more and more in the aftermath of the global financial crisis, when consumer bankruptcies skyrocketed as much as 56 per cent.

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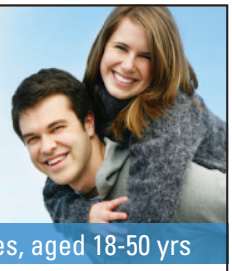

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Reporter stands behind remarks on Middle East

Thomas left White House press corps in June ◗ Rabbi videotaped her calling on Israelis to get 'out of Palestine'

Former White House correspondent Helen Thomas has acknowledged she touched a nerve with remarks about Israel that led to her retirement.

But she says the comments were "exactly what I thought," even though she realized soon afterward that it was the end of her job.

"I hit the third rail. You cannot criticize Israel in this country and survive," Thomas told Ohio station WMRN-AM in a sometimes emotional 35-minute interview that aired yesterday.

It was recorded a week earlier by WMRN reporter Scott Spears at Thomas' Washington, D.C., condominium.

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▶ Helen Thomas

She gave up her front row seat in the White House press room, where she had aimed often pointed questions at 10 presidents, going back to Eisenhower.

She has kept a low profile since then.

"(It was) very hard for the first two weeks. After that, I came out of my coma," said Thomas, whose parents immigrated to the U.S. from Lebanon.

Rabbi David Nesenoff, who runs the website rabbilive.com, said he approached Thomas after he'd been at the White House for Jewish Heritage Day May 27. He asked whether she had any comments on Israel.

"Tell them to get the hell out of Palestine," she replied.

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▶ Workers try to shut down France with strikes affecting airports, public transportation, schools and the postal service in a showdown with President Nicolas Sarkozy over his government's attempt to raise the retirement age by two years to save money.

Strike attempts to stop France

Last month, similar demonstrations brought 1 million people onto the streets, according to police

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Refinery workers also walked off the job, leading one union to warn of looming gasoline shortages.

The battle over the contested retirement reform has gone on for months, but this week could prove decisive. With the Senate expected to pass the pension reform bill by the end of the week, some unions have upped the ante by declaring open-ended strikes, meaning the walkouts that begin yesterday could last for days or even weeks. Past walkouts lasted only one day. Train drivers launched an open-ended strike Monday night, and the work stoppages widened to other sectors.

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Stimulus talk pumps up TSX

Analysts say failure to launch another round of easing, known as QE2, would disappoint investors

The Toronto stock market closed higher yesterday as minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve's latest meeting on interest rates stoked hopes the central bank may begin another round of economic stimulation as early as next month.

The S&P/TSX composite index closed 40.05 points higher at 12,575.64 as optimism that the Fed may act to increase the U.S. money supply was tempered by bank policy moves in Beijing that could slow the Chinese economy. That, in turn, put pressure on mining stocks. China's top six lenders were ordered to increase reserves by 0.5 percentage points to 17.5 per cent of their deposits in a new move to control lending, the Beijing News and other newspapers reported.

Market moment

TSX	Dollar
+ 40.05 (12,575.64)	+ 0.07¢ ($98.95¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– 54¢ US ($81.67 US)	$3.629 (+ 2.8¢)

Gold contracts $1,346.70 (– $7.70)

SOURCE: TSX, S&P, CP

Meanwhile, minutes of the Fed's closed-door deliberations last month suggest Fed chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues were closing in on a consensus for launching a new program aimed at pumping up the U.S. economy through the purchase of government debt.

Members, however, didn't settle on how big the purchase should be or how to structure it. Such details are what Fed officials are currently wrestling with as their prepare for the next meeting Nov. 2-3.

Stocks have been buoyant recently as investors decided it was a near certainty that the Fed would announce a second round of so-called quantitative easing. That would put more dollars into the financial system in an attempt to further drive down interest rates on mortgages, corporate loans and other debt in the hope of boosting economic activity and supporting prices.

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Logo slips between the Gap

Chain wanted new logo to coincide with updated more modern image

Gap is back to blue. The casualwear chain will keep its decades-old white-on-navy blue logo after all.

The move comes just one week after the company swapped it online for a new logo without saying a word. The new logo irritated fans, who took to Twitter, Facebook and tech blogs to complain.

Gap North America president Marka Hansen said in a statement the San Francisco-based company realized how much people liked the old logo after they put up the new one, a white background with black letters and a little blue box. She also said Gap didn't handle the change correctly and missed a chance to have shoppers offer input until it was too late.

"There may be a time to evolve our logo, but if and when that time comes, we'll handle it in a different way."
MARKA HANSEN, GAP NORTH AMERICA PRESIDENT

Gap announced its plan to return the original logo to the website on its Facebook page, where it has more than 700,000 fans. The old blue logo was never removed from the page.

Fans reacted quickly and seemed relieved. Although fans be warned: The blue box will turn red for the holidays, as it has done for years.

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▶ Customers showed their preference for Gap's old white-on-navy blue logo.

Broadcasting. Takeover

▶ A worker enters the premises of the Sky TV headquarters yesterday in west London.

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Murdoch stirs up rivals

An unprecedented media coalition has appealed to the British government to take a close look at media mogul Rupert Murdoch's multibillion-dollar attempt to buy the rest of broadcaster British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC that he does not already own. Murdoch's News Corp. owns 39 per cent of BSkyB.

India gives RIM some breathing space

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion has been given an extended deadline to satisfy demands by the Indian government to have access to its encrypted email and instant messaging services, says a report.

The deadline has been extended until Jan. 31, the Economic Times newspaper reported yesterday.

The Indian government had threatened to shut down the BlackBerry services in that country if access to the services wasn't provided by the Canadian smartphone maker.

RIM has been in a standoff with the Indian security agencies, which cite the threat of terrorism for their demand for access to encrypted messages sent by BlackBerrys.

The Economic Times cited a ministry note saying the deadline would be extended.

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Service strains

- **Access.** It has been reported that RIM has granted manual access to its messenger service with a pledge of real-time access early next year.
- **Threat.** Last Friday, the United Arab Emirates withdrew a threatened ban on BlackBerry services.

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More wind power for Ontario

Brookfield Renewable Power Inc. says it has completed a $354-million project financing for its Comber wind project in southwestern Ontario.

Construction recently began on the project in the Town of Lakeshore, about 30 kilometres East of Windsor.

The Comber wind-powered electricity generation project is expected to be capable of producing 166 megawatts of power. A 50-megawatt wind generation facility at Kingsville, Ont., was officially opened by the company earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Best Buy to ramp up holiday temp staff

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▶ Best Buy Canada has more than 6,500 employees at its 70 stores across the country.

Company to hire 2,000 seasonal staff Hiring push on for retailers

Electronics retailer Best Buy says it will hire 2,000 seasonal workers across Canada for the hectic holiday shopping season.

The move will increase its Canadian workforce by more than 35 per cent during one of the busiest times of the year for retailers.

The announcement comes on the heels of a similar hiring push at fellow Canadian electronics giant Future Shop, which said it would hire 4,000 seasonal staff.

Both companies are owned by U.S. retailer Best Buy Co.

Retailers have been increasing their staff numbers in recent weeks in preparation for the holidays, an encouraging sign that many expect brisk sales.

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HIGH NOON FOR ORGANIZED RELIGION

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Toronto has become quite the staging ground for what's left of western culture.

First, we had Hollywood North, a.k.a. the Toronto International Film Festival, which rivals, even surpasses, Cannes for celebrity sightings.

Now we have Oxford West, in which two famous Brits will go at it hammer and tong over this $64,000 question: "Be it resolved, religion is a force of good for the world."

For the affirmative: Former U.K. prime minister Tony Blair, who has come out of the closet as an unapologetic Roman Catholic; and for the negative: Christopher Hitchens, the world's foremost godless heathen.

It will be High Noon for organized religion, (Exalted Noon?) or more accurately 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at Roy Thomson Hall, this year's edition of the Munk lectures, sponsored by our most eminent gold digger, Peter Munk. Maybe he should have had them debate that other famous theological question: Is it easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Here in Vancouver, where Justin Bieber is next up, we can only watch from afar, with awe. Blair is the author of the No. 1 bestselling memoir on the stands at the moment, and Hitchens is notoriously the author of God Is NOT Great: How Religion Poisons Everything, which singlehandedly spawned a movement called the New Atheism. These guys got game.

Actually, I don't know if religion has anything to do with it, but Blair looked fabulous — fit and hearty — on Letterman the other night, while Hitchens looks just terrible: Overweight, haggard and grim. It doesn't help that he is undergoing chemotherapy for esophageal cancer, but years of excess have taken their toll.

It also doesn't help that he's probably the world's most hated man: Long a left-wing gadfly, he was abandoned by the left for throwing his support behind the war on terror. Whereas the right doesn't know what to do with him since he's spent most of his adult life bashing the right's favourite poster girl, Mother Theresa, for being a sanctimonious hypocrite. He's an equal opportunity curmudgeon.

I'm not sure who is adjudicating the debate: Pope Benedict? Bill Maher? Osama bin Laden by remote from his cave? Madonna?

And I'm not sure how you score points — Jihad: Zero? Christmas: 8 out of 10? Speaking in tongues: Just weird?

Never mind. Break out the good sherry, this is exactly the kind of cultural imperialism we need more of: MMA for nerds! Intellectual Smackdown!

Nobody asked me, but this beats So You Think You Can Dance, Eh? all to … heck.

Just sayin'.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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California homegrown

Worth mentioning

Budding entrepreneurs

Mexico's drug traffickers are likely to lose customers in America's largest pot consuming state if California legalizes marijuana, but they won't lose much money overall because California's residents already prefer to grow their own, according to a study released yesterday.

That means the proposal on the state's November ballot to legalize marijuana also will do little to quell the drug gangs' violent and sophisticated organizations that generate billions of dollars a year, according to the study by the nonpartisan RAND Drug Policy Research Center.

Californians, who make up one-seventh of the U.S. marijuana market, already are farming marijuana at a much higher rate than in neighbouring states and tend to buy domestic rather than smuggled marijuana, the study found.

California voters will decide next month whether to legalize and tax their own recreational use of marijuana.

The measure is being closely watched in Mexico, where more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence since Mexico's President Felipe Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime in late 2006.

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Should marijuana be legalized? Why or why not?

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Metro Minute at enRoute film fest

We may moan and groan about Air Canada, but one thing it does spectacularly is entertain us at 30,000 feet: Those personal screens with their roster of movies is the greatest thing to happen in aviation since aerodynamics.

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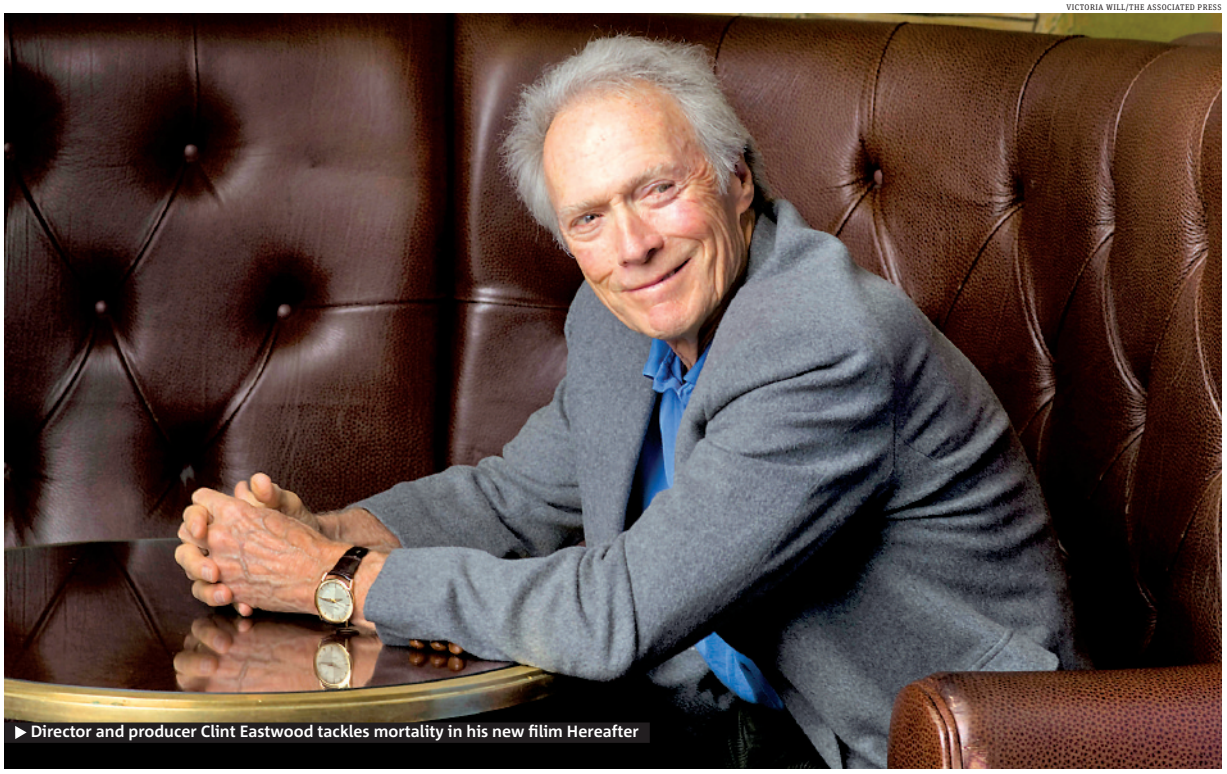

▶ Director and producer Clint Eastwood tackles mortality in his new filim Hereafter

Eastwood looking towards the afterlife

Clint Eastwood ponders mortality with Hereafter, muses about his turning 80 this year Director has lots to live up to with past successes

Clint Eastwood, who turned 80 this year, recalls how his longtime production designer Henry Bumstead once answered a question about growing old.

Bumstead, who kept working until his death four years ago at 91, replied: "Oh, to be 80 again."

"I thought, yeah, that's it," Eastwood said in an interview at the Warner Bros. office he has occupied since 1976. "When I'm 80, I'll be saying, 'Oh, to be 70 again,' or something like that."

The prolific director, who entered a career peak in his 70s with such films as Million Dollar Baby and Mystic River, said he aims to keep working as long as he's able and gives little thought to mortality, the subject of his new drama Hereafter, which follows three characters searching for answers about life after death.

"I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different than I did at 70"
CLINT EASTWOOD

Now that he is 80, how old does he feel? "Eighteen," Eastwood jokes, before dismissing the age issue with a shrug.

"I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different than I did at 70," Eastwood said. "Whatever I feel internally, now is the best age for me, because I feel better now, I guess because I've lived a lot of life. I've been able to accomplish a certain amount of things, and I haven't been anybody up doing it. So I'm OK about it."

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Hereafter

What its about:

The film Hereafter opens with a visceral effects sequence as a French journalist (Cecile de France) has a near-death experience in a tsunami. The film weaves among her search for answers about the afterlife, and the story of a reluctant American psychic (Damon), who views his ability to connect people with dead loved ones as a curse.

Craven gives Soul to 3-D technology

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My Soul to Take marks the first feature film Wes Craven has directed since 2005's Red Eye, and the horror auteur has learned a valuable lesson during that time: He's happier making his own films than he is running a company.

"There was long period where I had a little company, and we were developing projects and so forth," he says. "And there was a point — and I think about where I got the idea for this film — where I was feeling like, 'You should be writing and directing films and leave it at that.' So it was just kind of like, get back to your basics and stop having to kind of push other people to be creative in a way that you like when it's just easier to do it yourself. And better."

"This is not something from the '50s that they're just trying again for the hell of it"
WES CRAVEN ON 3-D FILMS

My Soul to Take also marks Craven's first foray into 3-D, something he is the first to admit he was resistant to, especially since it wasn't shot that way. "It was done totally as a 2-D film. We never thought of 3-D," he says. The idea came from folks at studio after some executive shuffling. "They approached me and said, 'How about 3-D? We would love to do it in 3-D,'" he remembers. "Yes, there was a lot of pressure. There was never, like, 'We're not going to release the film if you don't.'

More than anything, though, Craven admits he just doesn't want to get left behind. "Everything I'm reading about it is that this is not something from the '50s that they're just trying again for the hell of it," he says. "I think we're into a world where 3-D is emerging and it's going to be here. I want to be the man that's on the boat, not standing on the dock when the boat sails away."

2 scene

Together again

When Conan O'Brien debuts his new, late night talk show on TBS he'll have an old friend and colleague by his side. Andy Richter will serve as sidekick on Conan. Richter said he's "thrilled" to be working with O'Brien and he's most exited about "getting out of the house again." Richter and O'Brien first joined forces in 1993 on NBC's Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Richter was also tapped to appear with O'Brien on The Tonight Show. Conan will premiere Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 p.m. on TBS.

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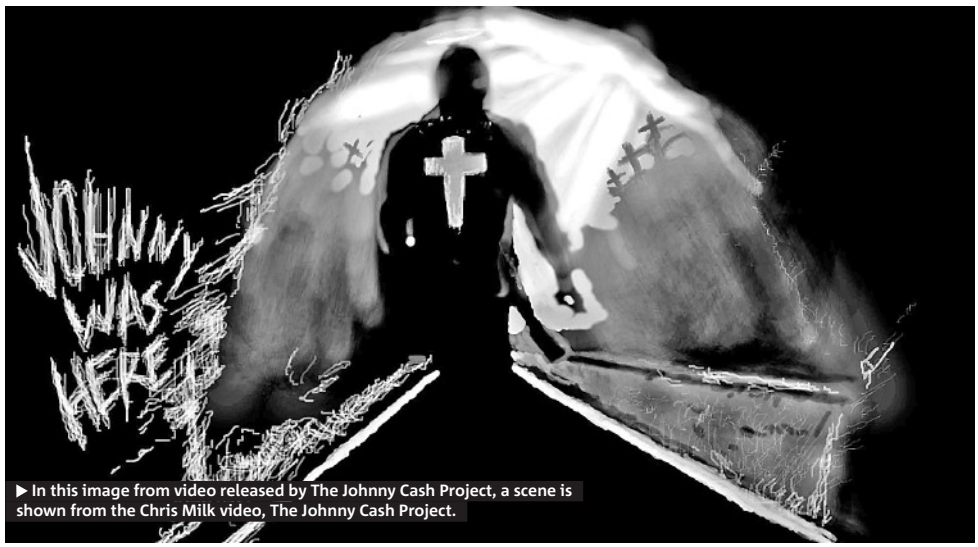
Hockey movie 'Goon' to begin shooting in Winnipeg later this week

Johnny's living memorial

In crowd-sourced video, the great Johnny Cash is being remembered one brushstroke at a time



▶ In this image from video released by The Johnny Cash Project, a scene is shown from the Chris Milk video, The Johnny Cash Project.

One brushstroke at a time, The Johnny Cash Project is gathering illustrations submitted by fans online into a living portrait of the country music legend.

The project is a unique Web-only music video where every frame is a fan-created drawing. Directed by Chris Milk, it's set to Cash's Ain't No Grave, the title track from the posthumous album released earlier this year.

Work on the project — a complex mix of software design and editing — began last September. The website launched in March. After more than 250,000 submissions, a broadcast version of the video has been released for TV stations and eligibility for 2010 Grammy nominations.

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans."
DIRECTOR OF THE JOHNNY CASH PROJECT, CHRIS MILK

For Milk, who has directed videos for Kanye West and Gnarls Barkley, the project is a "living memorial" that befits the song. In it, Cash sings, "There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down."

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans," says Milk. "This project becomes a physical manifestation of his fans' love."

Though the response hasn't been as considerable for Ain't No Grave, Milk hopes the broadcast release will attract more attention. Lou Robin, Cash's longtime manager who handles business affairs for the Johnny Cash Estate, said the Cash Estate was pleased with the video as a memorial.

There are numerous versions, including edits that gather the most realistic illustrations, the most abstract drawings and the highest-rated frames. Each frame is labeled with the artist, and all contributors are listed in the credits.
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The Project

Where the idea came from and how it's coming to fruition

- **Visualization** The genesis of the video started when Milk met Aaron Koblin, an artist and programmer who specializes in data visualization. The two began thinking of new, crowd-sourced music videos, and when producer Rick Rubin was looking for a video for Ain't No Grave, it seemed a good fit.
- **Submissions** The website, the director says, has received hundreds of thousands of visitors. That traffic still pales in comparison with The Wilderness Downtown the similarly Internet-based music video that Milk and Koblin collaborated on following The Johnny Cash Project.
- **Technology** The Wilderness Downtown used HTML5 programming and Google Maps to create startling individualized videos to the Arcade Fire song We Used to Wait. The interactive video was a sensation, leading to 35 million hits and 5 million unique visitors.
- **Credit** There are numerous versions, including edits that gather the most realistic illustrations, the most abstract drawings and the highest-rated frames. Each frame is labeled with the artist, and all contributors are listed.

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Yoko Ono: Imagining John Lennon again

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▶ Yoko Ono has taken to Twitter to communicate her message to her fans.

Ono curates exhibit of Lennon's artwork in SoHo, New York

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The widow of a man who inspired the world over has become a legend in equal measure. Just having passed what would've been Lennon's 70th birthday on Oct. 9, and the 30th anniversary of his murder on Dec. 8, Ono is now curating an exhibition of his poems and drawings, which will be on display in SoHo, New York City. The exhibit is to benefit New York's charity food organization Citymeals-on-Wheels.

Still so full of energy for her work, Ono took a few minutes to chat with Metro about continuing the legacy of Lennon's message of world peace ... on Twitter.

In getting the exhibit together, did you unearth any new drawings?

There are some things I haven't seen in a long time but mostly I'm very aware of all the stuff because I'm working on it all the time.

Is there anything you decided to keep for yourself that will never be seen by the public?

I haven't come across something like that yet. Most of the time, I become very involved in selecting the pieces and I always choose something I think is really good and worthwhile to share.

Every week on Twitter, you answer 50 questions submitted by your followers. Why did you decide to do that?

It's a novel means of communication but still very important. Through Twitter, we can exchange our thoughts and ideas. I'm very into it.

What has been the result of interacting with people on Twitter?

Well, I think it works in some ways. Each time I'm on it, I discover people who are in one way or another from the global family of peace. I'm always trying to find an opportunity to say, 'Imagine peace.' Even when I don't say that, they know that's what I'm thinking — that's the most important thing.

As Oct. 9 would have been John Lennon's 70th birthday, do you ever feel weary by all the reminiscing?

It does weigh me down all the time but when I think about it, I believe this is worth doing and I think I should do it. The other side of the coin is that I do in fact enjoy organizing this exhibit.

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Kiss called off

Flamboyant rocker agrees to turn down the heat for Malaysian concert
Becomes one of a list of musicians to tailor performance for country

Adam Lambert pledged yesterday to obey Malaysian government rules that forbid the flamboyant, openly gay glam rocker from kissing anyone onstage at a planned concert this week, but called it "a tough decision."

The American Idol runner-up, who is touring Asia, told The Associated Press in Hong Kong that his "main goal is to keep people entertained - not to make them uncomfortable."

Lambert is slated to perform Thursday at a stadium in Muslim-majority Malaysia's biggest city, Kuala Lumpur.

Lambert has agreed to heed restrictions against stripping, jumping and kissing onstage, said Yuen-See Cho, a representative for concert co-organizer Sony Music Entertainment Malaysia.

"It's something I'm doing out of respect," Lambert stated in an interview with the AP that took place before his Hong Kong concert.

"It's just one little thing. Man kissing another man is something that government really doesn't appreciate."

"I think it's a tough decision to make, but to me, there are so many amazing fans in Malaysia that it's more important for me to be able to come and do my show there for them and entertain them and thank them for supporting me," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Former American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert

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▶ Gorillaz frontman Damon Albarn

Lead singer calls show's hits 'a very poor substitute for the real thing'

The virtual band Gorillaz isn't exactly going bananas over the television musical series Glee.

Lead singer Damon Albarn says he's not interested in letting the hit show perform covers of his band's songs.

"We wouldn't let that happen," Albarn said in an interview with The Associated Press last week.

"And not that they've asked us because they haven't, and now they definitely won't," he continued with a laugh.

Gorillaz is best known for their Grammy-winning jam Feel Good Inc., which features De La Soul. The group released two platinum-selling albums, and their latest, Plastic Beach, was released to the public in March.

Glee, the Fox television musical series about a high school glee club, recently premiered its second season. The show features cover songs from a slew of top artists, including episodes based on performers like Madonna and Britney Spears.

Gorillaz kicked off the North American leg of their Escape to Plastic Beach World Tour earlier this month. It wraps up in Vancouver on Nov. 3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Musician pleads not guilty to drinking and driving charges

A lawyer for rocker Vince Neil entered not guilty pleas for the Motley Crue singer on misdemeanour drunken driving and speeding charges.

Attorney Richard Schonfeld said Monday his 49-year-old client didn't have to appear for the pleas in Las Vegas Justice Court. Trial was set for Jan. 6.

Neil is accused of having a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 per cent and driving his Lamborghini sports car 60 mph in a 45 mph zone before he was stopped by police on June 27 near the Las Vegas Strip.

The state's legal limit for drivers is 0.08 per cent.

Neil, whose hits with Motley Crue include Girls, Girls, Girls and Dr. Feelgood, lives with his fourth wife in Las Vegas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Vince Neil

BET awards aim to honour

They are of different genres and different generations, yet Ruby Dee and Missy Elliott will be among those honoured as part of the Black Girls Rock! awards show on BET.

Besides the legendary actress and the rapper-singer-producer, other honorees include actresses Keke Palmer, Raven-Symone and author Ilyana Vanzant.

Black Girls Rock! is an organization founded by DJ Beverly Bond.

It mentors young black girls and works to combat negative images of black women in the media.

Though there have been previous Black Girls Rock! awards shows, this will be the first to air nationally.

The ceremony, to be held Saturday, will air Nov.7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Actor T.R. Knight

Knight shows nerves

Former Grey's castmember stars in theatrical salute to stage and actors

Even with his name up in lights on a Broadway marquee, former Grey's Anatomy star T.R. Knight is achingly insecure.

The fact that he's now starring — and getting equal billing — with the mighty Patrick Stewart in a David Mamet play hasn't chased away the 37-year-old actor's gnawing fear that it could all be taken away.

"You wonder if they pulled the name from the right list," he says, only half-joking, during an interview in the empty Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. "I haven't been canned yet. But you never know."

Some of Knight's self-effacement might be due to a bronchial infection that's sapping his strength. Some of it may be simply due to his apparent ego-less personality. But much of it is the result of the ups and downs of a show biz career that began at age five.

"You set your expectations low so you're not disappointed and then something like this happens and it's fantastic. So then you go to the next job and it's like, 'Now I'll never work again,'" he says. "We choose a job where we're rejected 99 per cent of the time. We have to be just completely bonkers in order to do that."

Knight might not be appearing on Broadway in A Life in the Theatre if he hadn't last year walked away from his role as Dr. George O'Malley on on the ABC medical drama.

He asked to be released from his contract early after realizing his part was not fulfilling.

"It was time to go," Knight says of his decision. "Looking back, I learned so much and it was so valuable. But there are times in anybody's job where you feel the best decision is to move on. It doesn't detract from the knowledge that I gained, and it doesn't detract from my gratitude."

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Mad Men mania

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▶ Jon Hamm, left, and Elisabeth Moss, right, star in AMC's Mad Men

Metro chats with Mad Men co-stars Jon Hamm and Elisabeth Moss about the shows enormous success and its undeniable influence on pop culture.

Mad Men has received critical acclaim across the globe. How do you explain its incredible success?

Elisabeth Moss: I think it all started with amazing writing and the show's concept that proved to be very seductive. It then became a more deep and subtle story about the characters themselves.

Jon Hamm: The reason the show works is because it is about people. The characters are not defined by the time or space but by their personality and the relationships they have with one another. I think that is what's keeping people glued to the show.

Mad Men even seems to have influenced fashion this year...

Jon Hamm: It's a great compliment to our show to think that the first season of Mad Men could have been an inspiration to fashion. I must say that both men and women had a very sexy look back then. Paying attention to your style is a good thing. We damn sure moved far away from that in the nineties.

What common traits you do share with your characters?

Elisabeth Moss: As an actor, you can't help but bring a part of yourself into the character, even if I'm very different from Peggy in real life. Still, there is a lot of me in her.

Jon Hamm: I don't have a tremendous amount of common traits with Don Draper. But I do believe there are similarities between our characters in the show. Peggy and Don both have a lot of ambition. They have a desire to excel, and go above and beyond. In my life I have the desire to succeed and to achieve. But at the end of the day, when I get home, I'm happy to leave Don on set. METRO

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TV picks

Awkward encounters abound

COMEDY. It's a night of sensitive conversations. Claire tries to stop Phil from giving an unfunny speech while Mitchell tries to get Cameron to modify his wardrobe on Modern Family. And a new episode of Cougar Town follows, in which Grayson decides to tell Jules about his fling with Laurie. (Citytv, ABC)

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Undercovers in Ireland

ACTION J.J. Abrams' husband-and-wife spy show Undercovers takes a trip to Ireland in tonight's episode. The couple find themselves searching for a prisoner who can help them locate a vital CIA hard drive. (Citytv, NBC)

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▶ Outlaw star Jimmy Smits

Outlaw is out

The new Jimmy Smits drama Outlaw is headed for Saturday night and then oblivion.

NBC said Monday that the series will air at 8 p.m. EDT Saturday through Nov. 15, with a pre-emption on Oct. 30. Then the show will be off the network's schedule.

Ratings for Outlaw dwindled on Friday nights after a respectable showing last month for the first episode.

It debuted on a Wednesday night after the finale of summertime hit America's Got Talent but couldn't convert the coattails introduction into success.

Production on Outlaw has been suspended.

The legal drama had an unlikely premise, with Smits as a U.S. Supreme Court justice who quits the high court to return to his own private practice.

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▶ Oliver Stone, left, and Michael Douglas, right

Douglas ailing, Stone

Director Olive Stone tells press he is concerned about actor's physical state ◐ Douglas to reprise award-winning role in Wall Street sequel

Director Oliver Stone said yesterday he is worried about the health of actor Michael Douglas, who is battling throat cancer.

Douglas, who reprised his role as stock trader Gordon Gekko in Stone's latest film Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, is in a "precarious" state of health, Stone told reporters in Berlin.

Douglas was meant was meant to accompany him on a promotion tour in Europe, but Stone said Douglas remained in the U.S. for further cancer treatments.

Douglas, who turned 66 this year, revealed his battle with throat cancer in August.

New York-based publicist Allen Burry said Douglas finished his treatments last week.

"Doctors were very pleased and have scheduled no more treatments,'' he said.

Burry said Douglas has a six- to eight-week period of recuperation.

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Moore dough for Demi

Actress to sell two 19th century European paintings at NYC auction ◐ Bouguereau and Stevens pieces could make the star $1.5M wealthier

Demi Moore is selling two 19th century European paintings at auction, including a French work the actress says inspired her because of the artist's depiction of strong women.

William Bouguereau's Frere et Soeur, an oil painting of a young woman tenderly holding her baby brother, could fetch up to $1.5 million at Sotheby's on Nov. 4.

It was painted in 1887 by the French artist whose work is enjoying renewed interest.

Moore's other painting, Mere et Ses Enfants by Belgian painter Alfred Stevens, is estimated to bring up to $200,000.

▶ Mere et Ses Enfants by 19th century Belgian painter Alfred Stevens

While she loves both paintings, Moore said, "with the renovation and new direction our home is taking, it is time for a change."

The actress acquired the works in 1995 at a Christie's auction, paying $178,500 for Frere et Soeur and $200,500 for the Stevens painting.

"I find Bouguereau to be particularly engaging for me personally and have chosen to hold on to a smaller piece to carry with me throughout the years," said the star known for her work in such films as Ghost, Indecent Proposal and A Few Good Men.

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▶ Demi Moore

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Jury in session

Panel discusses Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case ◐ Medication was for pain, defence argues

A jury has begun deliberations in the highly publicized drug conspiracy case against Anna Nicole Smith's two doctors and her lawyer-boyfriend.

After nine weeks of testimony and arguments, the panel of six women and six men began considering 11 charges Monday.

Jurors must decide whether the defendants provided excessive opiates and sedatives to the former Playboy model knowing she was an addict.

Defence lawyers have said that Anna Nicole Smith was not an addict and the medications were for pain.

Drs. Sandeep Kapoor and Khristine Eroshevich and Smith's boyfriend Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to charges including prescribing under false names.

They are not charged in Smith's 2007 overdose death in Florida.

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▶ The late Anna Nicole Smith is shown exiting the U.S. Supreme Court with attorney and eventual boyfriend Howard K. Stern in 2006

Cox-Arquette hyphen no longer needed

Courteney Cox and David Arquette have separated, they announced in a statement this week. "We have agreed to a trial separation that dates back for some time," the statement read. "We are comfortable with the boundaries that we have established for each other during this separation." And sources are saying that Arquette has already moved on — with a Los Angeles bartender named Jasmine Waltz. "Jasmine and David have been hooking up recently," a source tells Life & Style. Waltz was also accused recently of punching Lindsay Lohan in the face at nightclub Voyeur.

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Radcliffe looking forward to the stage

Daniel Radcliffe is looking forward to his return to Broadway for more than one reason. The Harry Potter star is set to star in a revival of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, and he can't wait to meet his co-stars. "I've been in relationships from the age of 14 and now I'm single," he tells Dazed and Confused magazine. "I said to a friend the other day, 'Dude, I'm doing a show with dancers. I've got to be single.' He was like, 'Don't sleep with anyone in your own show. That's a mistake.' It's good advice. But I'm not sure I'll stick to it." METRO

Friends' star weds

While former Friends castmate Courteney Cox's marriage is ending, David Schwimmer recently tied the knot, according to Hollyscoop. The actor married his British girlfriend, Zoe Buckman, in June but managed to keep it out of the press.

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Celebrity tweets

Judd Apatow [@JuddApatow] I can see how reading other people's tweets can suck up all the free time in my life. I need to reconsider this hobby.

50 Cent [@50cent] It kills me when people try to front like I'm not nice. Maybe after the next 40 million records sold they will keep it real.

Snooki [@Sn00ki] Dear youtube, please hurry up your maintenance so my video can upload. thanks

Jessica Simpson [@Jessica Simpson] First day off today in over a month and realized that even when I take a day off-my life is always at work and it is a BEAUTIFUL thing. METRO

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Moss says coke scandal helped her career

While it may seem like Kate Moss' cocaine scandal in 2005 hurt her career, her agent insists it actually helped. "I basically just spent a lot of time on the phone trying to reassure her big clients that you can't believe everything you read and, unfortunately, all press actually is good press in this world we live in," agent Sarah Doukas says in a BBC radio interview. The Daily Mail reports that Moss' annual profits have doubled since the scandal, from $3.2 million to $6.3 million.

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Tweeting to Demi's heart

Ashton Kutcher is ignoring infidelity rumours and talking about how he and wife Demi Moore show their affection — by using Twitter. "A lot of times my wife and I sit across from each other and Tweet. It's a little bizarre," he tells Reuters while in Israel this week. "It's the same reason why you send roses to a woman at work. Sometimes people like to be adored in public." A Kutcher spokesperson denies the couple is in Israel to secretly renew their wedding vows, as sources have claimed.

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More dish

Aguilera splits with hubby

After five years of marriage, Christina Aguilera and husband Jordan Bratman have separated, according to Us Weekly. "They are now living apart, and they will see how that goes," says a source close to the singer. "They were very much in love, but over the last six months, it — became clear they were more like friends than husband and wife." Aguilera had reportedly suggested they use their August trip to Italy to rekindle their romance, "but it didn't help," the source says.

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Nici now in hospital

Irma Nici, the alleged prostitute being sued by David Beckham over claims she had sex with him, has been hospitalized with heart trouble, according to Page Six. A spokesperson for Nici says her health was weakened by stress. Beckham is suing Nici for $7 million, insisting her claims that they slept together several times are false. METRO

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Travel job

Would you like a job that includes adventure, travel, living in the lap of luxury and demands that you take a vacation every month? Transat Holidays is looking for an English-speaking and a French-speaking person to travel and blog about their experiences for one year.

Interested applicants are required to create a two minute or less video application in English or French explaining why they are uniquely qualified for the job and profiling a local tourist attraction. The search is only open until Nov. 7, and candidates are required to complete an application form and upload their CV and video to vacationer.transatholidays.com. METRO

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- Everybody is relaxed in Jamaica, even apparently the sharks who will sit on your lap
- If you've swam with the dolphins and petted stingrays, then jump in with Jaws

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▶ St. Thomas Lighthouse, Jamaica.

Learning to love sharks

THE TRAVELIN' CANADIAN

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Jamaica brings a new twist to that bad old joke "Is that a Shark in your lap, or are you just happy to see me"?

This gorgeous island nation offers many strange and wonderful adventures, but perhaps the strangest (and scariest) happens at Dolphin Cove outside the city of Ochos Rios.

DARREN PARKMAN/METRO

▶ Darren Parkman got right in there with a nurse shark.

Here, you can swim with dolphins, handle tame stingrays, and even brave the very surreal experience of having a very real, and lively shark on your lap!

Yes … a deadly shark, with real teeth.

I jumped into a shark infested pool, and reluctantly plunked myself down on a chair submerged below the water, just in time for a trained guide to toss a giant 10 foot nurse shark directly onto my lap. Was I close to having a heart attack, or a bladder accident? Admittedly, yes!

At first this huge shark just seemed to lie there resting, while my quivering hand gingerly stroked its sandpaper-like back. Nurse sharks have literally thousands of serrated teeth, and have been known to bite humans when they are annoyed. I was doing my absolute best not to annoy this shark on my lap.

Then, to be funny, my guide quickly fed the shark a fish, and it suddenly started thrashing around in a feeding frenzy, right there on my lap. I didn't find this all that funny. More horrifying, actually. Still, when it was all over and I emerged shaking, but alive from the water. I felt almost proud.

Must do activities while in Jamaica

Martha Brae River Rafting:
For about C$30, it's a leisurely two-hour trip down a slow moving river, surrounded by thick jungle like growth and wildlife. After launching about 90 minutes from Montego Bay, you can leisurely sip a Red Stripe beer, while watching for wild parrots and native birds. Each raft has it's own captain, so there's no paddling, just relaxing.

Shopping near Montego Bay:
The island has the usual tourist shops featuring carvings, paintings and souvenirs, but you will get great bang for your buck. $10 Canadian equals more than $800, so you'll have money left over for a famous Jamaican jerk chicken. Local merchants are especially friendly and helpful.

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When you head to Hawaii don't miss out on Kauai Beaches, rainforest, volcanoes, golf course and perfect weather The other forgotten gem offers everything the other Hawaiian islands have and much more, including chickens!

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Hawaii's garden island Kauai

Kauai Facts

- **Geography.** Kauai is the fourth largest of the main Hawaiian islands and also the oldest. It has a population of more than 65,000.
- **Rain.** The east side of Mount Waiʻaleʻale has an annual average rainfall of 460 inches making it one of the wettest places in the world. However in other parts of the island the average rainfall can be as little at 18 inches a year.
- **Beaches.** Nearly half of Kauai's shoreline are made up of beautiful beaches.
- **Getting there.** There are direct flights to Lihue Airport in Kauai from Seattle, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Vancouver. But many travelers take a short flight from Oahu or Maui.

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The Hawaiian Island of Kauai is blessed with stunning beaches, waterfalls, and canyons, and then … there's all those wild beach chickens!

After traveling all over the world, this is really one of the strangest and funniest things I've ever experienced. Wild, noisy, colourful, moody, chickens everywhere.

While lounging on the beach one day, I looked up to see a big rooster struggling across the sand with a harem of four hens in tow. While inside a local supermarket, I casually passed two big black hens strolling down the meat aisle. More than once, a random rooster tried to charge me, causing me to turn a bit chicken myself.

So how did all this poultry end up ruling a beautiful beach paradise?

Well, the popular theory is, back in 1992, several Kauai chicken farms were destroyed by Hurricane Iniki, freeing the brazen birds to forever roam. Another theory claims sugarcane plantation workers brought a bunch of chickens to the island, only to have them escape and multiply at an alarming rate.

Whatever, the reason for their widespread presence, these feral birds make for good entertainment.

Tourists take their picture, and hopefully slow down to let them cross the road, sometimes in packs.

The only downside? I found even wearing earplugs inside my beachfront hotel room, didn't drown out the deafening sound of "cock-a-doodle-do" at 5 a.m. most mornings.

That's still a small price to pay to witness such a comical and unlikely Hawaiian mascot.

I'd go back to Kauai just for the chickens!

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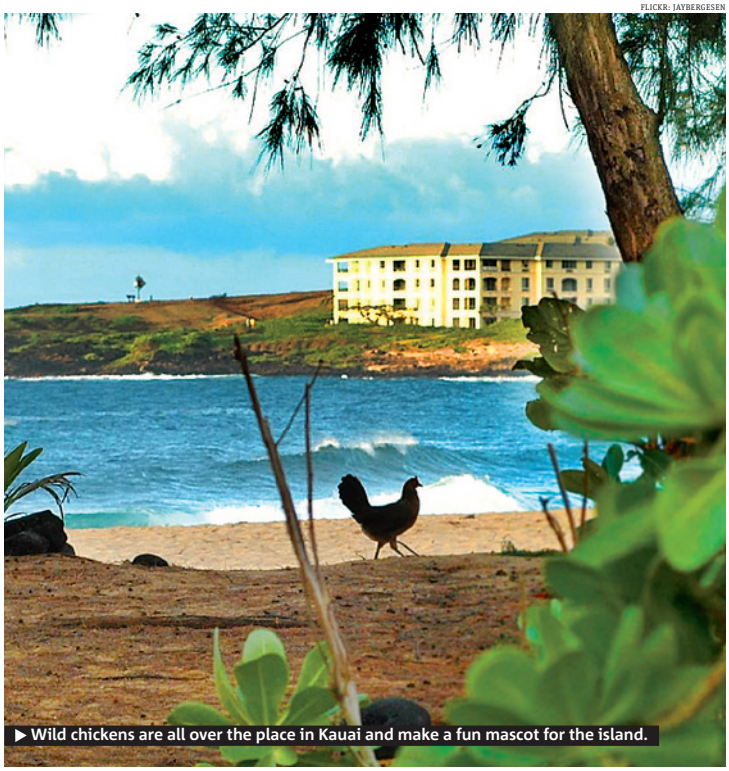

▶ Wild chickens are all over the place in Kauai and make a fun mascot for the island.

SEE THE SIGHTS

Other cool things to do in Kauai

Zipline through the Kauai Rainforest

I really got a sense of how beautiful and untouched this island is, while soaring from treetop to treetop on this visually stunning eco-adventure. It's not cheap, (about C$125) but you get the rare chance to zip through several custom designed rides, over mountains, plantation streams and thick jungle growth.

Kauai Luau

It may be a bit corny and targeted to tourists, but hey, you've got to do a Luau when you're in Hawaii! For about C$55, the Kauai Grand Hyatt offers a fun dinner and show, featuring the typical Hawaiian music, Fire-dancing, crafts, and great food.

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▶ Zip lining through the rainforest is a great way to spend an afternoon in Kauai.

Kids rule in Atlantis

The Atlantis Kids Adventure Club is for kids only, and will make most parents jealous they aren't 10 again

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The blur of colour and giggles that zips past me as I enter the new Atlantis Kids Adventure Club in Paradise Island, Bahamas isn't immediately recognizable.

It takes a few seconds before I realize that it was my 7-year-old son and by then he's long gone ... again.

From the moment I dropped him off at the Club — Sol Kerzner's 8,000-square-foot addition to the Atlantis Resort — I lost him.

Forget the mommy guilt and separation anxiety that can come from leaving your kids off while you take in some adults-only downtime on your vacation; here my son barely waved goodbye before being absorbed into a sea of specialists and activities.

When I picked him up, I was officially the best parent on the planet.

There's a Canadian to thank for this. Ann Bada-Crema's company Launch by Design (launchbydesign.com) has been quietly wowing visitors at hotels around the world with innovative and imaginative designs for years, but the unveiling of the new Atlantis Kids Adventure Club is sure to garner her a whole new legion of fans under the age of 12.

Launched in January, the Atlantis Kids Adventure is so high-tech and so beyond your typical kids club fare that you'll wish you were 8 again.

Of course, you'll have to wish this from the lobby. The ladies manning the front desk are pleasant but clear: No one over the age of 12 gets past the candy-filled pillars and velvet rope guarding the entrance.

A video screen in the lobby offers parents a glimpse of what $45 for a half-day will bring their little ones, but it pales in comparison to seeing it up close. Six distinct zones separate the space and offer kids the opportunity to choose their own adventure:

The Imagination Station is geared to pre-schoolers and includes a kid-sized grocery store complete with pushcarts and an attendant at the register; a kid-sized pink Victorian house completely outfitted (including its own grand piano, a Lego Construction centre and a wizardology room with a story-reading tree and wall nooks for curling up in.

The futuristic Mac Lab — a pre-teen's dream space in hues of silvers and blues and more than a dozen iMac computers filled with software that lets them do everything from make fake magazine covers to play approved kid-friendly games.

The Gamers room — which feels like you're inside Donkey Kong's Jungle — has a "Wii Tree" growing in its centre and walls that alternate Playstation 3 and Xbox consoles around the room.

Culinary Kitchen, a fun open-concept cooking space with breakfast-bar-like seating for 21 kids in a room filled with natural light and cooking tools means demos and hands-on lessons for kids (chocolate sculptures and candy pizzas among them)

The Performance Area is a green screen background turns dress up into magazine cover art, a Lightspace Play floor has them chasing balls of light in games of dodgeball and jump rope and motion-detector-operated video games takes gaming to a whole new level.

In the Craft room, kids can choose from a host of make-and-take art projects, create artwork on an itable (think iPad touch screen technology on a large craft table) and then turn it into a postcard that's then emailed to friends and family. And every inch of it is Bada-Crema's creation — one year in the making from pen and paper to doors opening.

"Every single space was designed as a single space and then they were made cohesive," explains the graduate of Toronto's C.W. Jeffrys art program who credits her Canadian roots — and winters — as well.

"Being Canadian grounds me. I think that because we experience all four seasons and all the sports and all of the activities of those seasons. It al-

Just the facts

- **Kids only.** Atlantis Kids Adventure Club is open to kids aged 3-12 only. For more information visit atlantis.com
- **Getting there.** JetBlue flies out of Buffalo direct to the Bahamas. Toronto-Bahamas flights are also available on WestJet, Air Canada and other carriers.

▶ The Gamers room has pretty much anything a kid could want.

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▶ The Culinary Kitchen gives kids a chance to make their own food, even if its candy pizza.

lows you to move freely throughout life," she says.

It may have also given her the ability to instill a bit of ADD.

Every room, every wall, every floor offers an experience for the senses: From the wacky designs on the walls, to the smells wafting in from the kitchen to the sounds and lights in the theatre space and the walls that react to touch.

And everywhere you go you can hear the delighted giggles and screams of kids who've found nirvana.

Even the bathrooms hold surprises that make little ones' jaws drops.

Little girls can choose from individual toilet stall themes including sports, jungle and, of course, princess. Girls who enter the Princess stall are greeted with a trumpet and do their work under a chandelier in the fully themed space. Boys get similar treatment in their race car and superhero offerings.

In a genius move, the part of the centre I love the most, I know the least about: Wonka's adventure.

A tall version of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory hero strides into the centre at one point gathering kids for his secret mission and heads off through a door.

About 15 minutes later voices are coming from another direction, but the giggles stop when the door opens to a cloud of dry-ice-induced smoke and a mock elevator door opening.

"What happened in there?" I ask my wide-eyed son who is holding a bag full of sugary treats behind his back.

"I can't tell you. I signed a contract." It's true. Wonka makes them sign something swearing they won't tell their parents what they saw on the other side and not one of them would break the silence.

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St. Martin's gives visitors a uniquely bizarre church experience ◗ Each part of the building seems to tilt in a different direction ◗ Residents of Cwmyoy, Wales proud of the "crookedest church" status

St. Martin's in the Welsh hamlet of Cwmyoy has been called the crookedest church in Britain. Undoubtedly true, some visitors might say, but here's another possible label: most bizarre church anywhere.

The bell tower bends sharply northward at an angle greater than the Leaning Tower of Pisa, hovering above a churchyard where old gravestones are similarly askew. The opposite end of the church tilts weirdly in the reverse direction, while windows and interior arches are slanted in various surprising ways.

Up on top, above a nave with a dozen rows of pews, sits the mossy — and seriously off-kilter — stone tile roof.

According to a recent assessment by structural engineers, medieval St. Martin's is getting even crookeder — but only slightly, says Jim Keates, the 70-year-old church warden, brushing aside a suggestion that he might be concerned about imminent collapse.

"No, no, no," he says before adding prudently: "Obviously, we must keep a very cautious eye on it."

Located halfway up a valley slope on an ultra-scenic route between the market town of Abergavenny and the book-lovers' mecca Hay-on-Wye, St. Martin's has attracted visitors for centuries. In the Middle Ages pilgrims dropped by on their way to St. David's on the west coast of Wales. According to a papal decree, two pilgrimages to that holy site were considered equivalent to one to Rome.

These days there's a steady stream of tourists curious about a stone building that seems strangely alive, stretching and twisting as it settles into the soft ground like a cat in the sun.

Artist and author Caroline Downey has lived just steps from St. Martin's for 15 years and has long been fascinated by the church, painting it frequently. One of her portrayals, a psychedelic vision with swooping curves and vivid colours, won an international competition sponsored by the art supplies firm Daler-Rowney.

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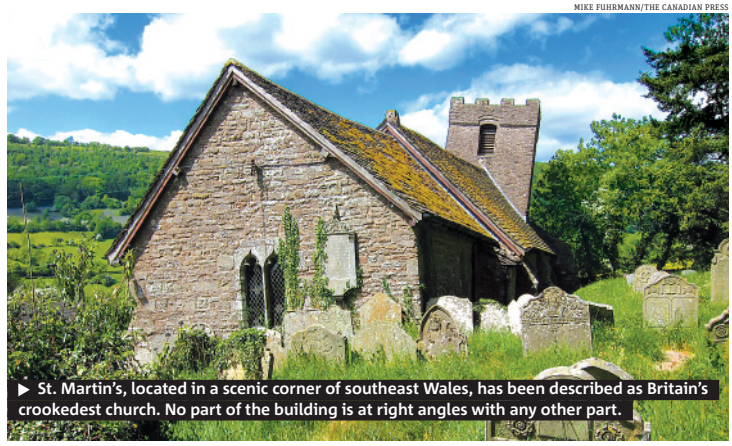

▶ St. Martin's, located in a scenic corner of southeast Wales, has been described as Britain's crookedest church. No part of the building is at right angles with any other part.

"It's a very special place. ... I'm so glad they didn't try and straighten it," Downey says, standing beside the award-winning painting in the gallery next to her home, a converted coach house. "You can just feel the souls there (in the graveyard) looking after it."

Downey offers a whimsical explanation for the church's peculiar form. In one of her illustrated books she depicts a dragon sitting on the battlemented tower, its weight causing the structure to bend over. The winged beast watches dancing souls in the cemetery participating in a "G-rave."

It's not the only tale the church has inspired. Some residents of Cwmyoy (pronounced Coom-YOY) have suggested that St. Martin's was actually constructed crookedly, its builders having started their work after downing one or two or three pints too many at a local drinking spot.

The official, less colourful explanation is subsidence: it seems the church was built on unstable soil. A technical report posted near the entrance outlines the effects of an ice age landslide, noting that "the building has been subjected to long series of minor disturbances" as the slide debris settles. The end result is that no part of St. Martin's is at right angles with any other part.

Buttresses were added in the 1960s to provide support, but one has twisted a little while sinking into the ground, thus releasing pressure on a wall near the tower, according to the inspection last month by engineers who also found other signs of recent movement.

Outsiders may be amazed and amused, but Cwmyoy residents are proud of St. Martin's and its unofficial "crookedest church" status, Keates says. The wonky building suits the eccentric nature of the community, he adds.

"We light it up at Christmas," Keates says. "We're all a bit cranky. If we had a modern wooden church I'm sure we wouldn't be quite so keen."

Meanwhile, Church of Wales services are conducted every Sunday, drawing about six worshippers on average, one of whom accompanies the hymns on a harmonium.

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Taking a big bite out of Taiwan's tasty cuisine

Island nation has spent millions promoting itself as a must for travelling foodies Plenty of options from great fine dining to street side fare in Asian country

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Taiwan is on a culinary mission. They launched an over $32 million dollar "gastro-diplomacy" campaign this summer internationally. For food tourists, it's one more reason to head to the island and taste for yourself.

First stop: Taipei. Restaurant chain Din Tai Fung started here and is world famous for their handmade dumplings. Make sure you nibble a hole in your dumpling and drink the delicious juices inside before you eat, lest you spill. You can get anything from xiao long bao to shrimp to red bean fillings.

Selections are endless at the Shilin Night Market. You can get shaved ice desserts or try bubble tea, oyster omelette and if you dare, the infamous "smelly" tofu.

Don't forget the papaya milk you can get just about anywhere on the road.

Fine dining fans go to the Silks Palace restaurant next to the National Palace Museum. Enjoy a seven-course feast that echoes the exhibits in the museum. Eat a "cabbage jade" that looks just like the famous jade cabbage carving, but unlike the stone it's crunchy and gently flavoured.

Taiwan is home to fourteen distinct indigenous tribes. Near Hualien city in the south the Amis tribe runs the Red Cottage Restaurant serving traditional hot pot. Constructed from betel leaves, the "pots" are filled with seafood and water. Superheated rocks are added to make the water boil, which makes for quite the show, not to mention a delicious meal.

There's something for every taste and budget. Put Taiwan on your travel list. Come back sated.

Travel tips

- **Getting there.** EVA Airways has direct flights to Taiwan from Vancouver and Toronto. Most planes even have special transitional lighting in the cabins to help you go from night to day. For more information and booking go to evaair.com.tw
- **Where do I stay?** Taipei: Grand Formosa Regent Taipei (grandformosa.com.tw) Taroko National Park: Silks Place Taroko (silksplace-taroko.com.tw) Taitung: Hotel Royal Chihpen (hotel-royal-chihpen.com.tw)

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▶ Get any vegetable, fish or meat skewers made to order at the Shilin Night Market in Taipei.

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▶ The Shilin Night Market in Taipei is packed every night with eager and hungry shoppers. It's right off Shilin station along the subway line so you can't miss it.

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Traditional hot 'pots'

COOKING UTENSIL. The Amis tribe makes "pots" for their traditional hot pot.

They soak and sun dry betel leaves three times, then fold it into shape. The leaves can withstand rocks heated up to 400 degrees Celsius.

The pot is used once, then thrown away.

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▶ A server prepares traditional Amis hotpot at the Red Cottage Restaurant in Hualien county. She adds superheated rocks that boil the seafood inside, then adds vegetables.

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▶ Hungry diners gather around the table to enjoy a traditional Amis lunch at the Red Cottage Restaurant in Hualien.

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▶ Taiwan's famous shaved ice desserts are widely available at the Shilin Night Market in Taipei. You can choose almost any toppings, like tapioca, grass jelly and aiyu jelly pictured here.

Taiwanese Oyster Omelet

Ingredients :

- 1 cup of oysters, defrosted and chopped
- Any liquid from the defrosted oysters
- Cold water
- 3 large eggs
- 1 ½ to 2 cups of finely chopped leafy Chinese greens (like napa cabbage, pea shoots, lettuce, etc)
- Salt to taste
- ¼ cup of sweet potato starch or cornstarch
- Several splashes of pork lard or vegetable oil
- 2 to 3 tbsp sweet chili sauce (or make some mixing sriracha sauce and ketchup)

Taiwanese Oyster Omelet is a street food favourite that's easy to make at home. You can find the more unusual ingredients at Asian supermarkets.

Preparation:

1. Scramble eggs with salt and set aside. Put any liquid from defrosted oysters into a measuring cup till you get half a cup. If you don't have enough, add cold water until you get half a cup. Mix starch with water and oysters until combined.
2. Heat a splash of lard or oil in a frying pan until hot.
3. Add vegetables in the pan and stir fry until wilted. Set aside. Drain liquid from the pan.
4. Heat another splash of fat in the pan.
5. Add water and oyster mixture and cook until the starch starts becoming transluscent. Make sure not to let it burn.
6. Add egg mixture on top. Add vegetables on top. Let cook for a minute, then flip the omelette to cook the other side. Cook until lightly brown on both sides.
7. Remove from heat. Serve with chili sauce. .

Time for some easy-to-make Taiwanese papaya milk

Ingredients :

- 1 cup ripe papaya, chopped
- 1 cup 2 percent milk
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 3 tbsp sugar, or to taste

You can get papaya milk at road stands and restaurants across the country. They're delicious, refreshing and really easy to make.

In Taiwan they use whole milk but 2 per cent works fine. The key is to get the best papaya you can.

Preparation:

1. Put all ingredients into blender. Blend until thoroughly mixed. Makes one serving.

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▶ What you pack in your backpack can make a world of difference.

Packing your bags

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Wonder what a woman carries in her backpack?

Here are several helpful "must-pack-this-in-my-backpack" picks. Some items are oh-so-practical, some are downright quirky and some are so smart that we wished that we'd thought about them first.

May we suggest that this list can make a wonderful addition to a Bon Voyage gift for any journey woman preparing to hit the road … your friends, mama, sister, grandmama or Godmother. Print it and pass it along, ladies. We're sure it will be a hit!

She's So Practical

1 Be sure to take along several photographs of yourself. This way you'll avoid the hassle of having to locate a photo booth when you need ID for a foreign bus pass.

2 Pack a folding umbrella that has an aluminum spine and handle. This type is more expensive, but it's so light and compact, you'll almost forget you're carrying it.

3 In hot humid countries, a folding paper fan works wonders when waiting at bus stops or travelling by (non-air conditioned) vehicles.

4 A mini flashlight — the light disposable type is invaluable for Third World destinations where power failures are frequent.

All Bathrooms Aren't Created Equal

5 Always carry emergency toilet paper or a package of tissues. In some parts of the world, it's either very scarce or too coarse to be usable.

6 Handiwipes are perfect when hand-washing facilities aren't readily available.

7 The smell in toilets is sometimes overpowering. Carry a mentholated chapstick and dab some under your nose to help mask the odours while you use the facilities.

She's Health Wise

8 Feel a cold coming on? Keep lots of chewable Vitamin C on hand. Many women swear by it.

9 No chicken soup available? For some women, Ancient Healing Formula in tea bag form (Yogi Tea Co.) is the anti-sniffles remedy of choice.

She Needs Her Beauty Sleep

10 Don't leave home without your eyeshades or your earplugs. They're perfect for snoozing on the airplane and, for keeping out the "sounds of baby" just two rows ahead.

11 Carry clothespins for those hotel drapes that refuse to close properly. They're perfect for blocking out the early morning sun.

12 A tiny (1 oz.) bottle of lavender oil is lovely for relaxation. Add several drops to an evening bath and travel stress will simply melt away. Put some on your pillowcase and you'll sleep like a baby.

Ms. Fix-it

13 A small roll of electrical tape has a myriad of uses.

14 Don't throw away the plastic canister that your film comes in. They make perfect do-it-yourself sewing kits.

She's a Hungry Girl

15 Many hotels and B&B's now provide electric kettles in their guest rooms. It's great to have packets of dehydrated soups, powdered hot chocolate.

Girl Travellers Have Special Needs!

16 Having your period while travelling can make your body feel extra tired. Pack dried fruit and pop them at "period time."

Making Connections — Discouraging Connections

17 When on holiday, leave those formal business cards behind. Instead carry colourful postcards from home and give your new acquaintances a glimpse of where you live. Relevant contact info can be printed on the reverse.

18 Carry ball-point pens for the kiddies you meet. In some Third World destinations young irresistible children will beg you for candy. Why help to rot their teeth? Instead give them something they can use.

19 Want to discourage unwanted and persistent male advances while travelling? Pre-trip, pick up a magazine in a foreign language. Then when someone invades your personal space, pretend that you don't understand English.

She Finds Many Uses For One Item

20 Always carry a few cotton handkerchiefs. They're cheap, they're light, they fold flat and they serve a 1,000 purposes (well … almost) Use them to carry groceries, sit on them. Want to stay cool on a hot day? Simply wet it and wrap around your neck.

5 top backpacks

Cutest: Jeep Floral

1 From the makers of the quintessential rough-and–ready, super-rugged, battlefield automobile comes … er, a lovely flowery backpack. And, compared to most standard rucksacks (any colour as long as it's black) the Floral is very pretty. But, as you might expect, it's also purposeful. It's well designed and well stitched together, with a double-strength base and scuff-resistant fabric, good wide straps and effective airflow system.

Most organized: RipCurl Ultimate Backpack

2 If you are the kind of person who folds laundry when you take it out of the dryer then this is for you. It has more compartments and more specific pockets than just about any other rucksack I have ever seen. It's fabulously well made though, with waterproof sections for hiking/gym gear and the now mandatory laptop pocket, MP3 link and lots of meshing.

Lightest: North Face Jester

3 This 30 litre backpack has a whiff of

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student about it and indeed it would not be out of place on any campus. Weighing in at just 0.74kg it's the lightest of our five and it simple layout is a great example of less being more. It's a very well-made piece of outdoor kit in its own right though.

Best in town: Osprey Comet

4 This pack is part of the 24/7 range purpose-built to 'bridge-the-gap between the hill and high-street' and it does it very well indeed. All packs feature key hiking must-haves such as a sternum strap with whistle buckle, walking pole loop plus in-town necessities like MP3 pocket, elasticated laptop sleeve with padded base, a mini-organiser in the front stash pocket. It's comfy to wear and unfussy.

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Best in the country: North Face Borealis

5 A not dissimilar beast to the RipCurl but a little smaller and more freeform. Laptop pocket of course, waterproof internal pocket, an inside sleeve for a camelback drinking system and simple layout. But the real key to this one is the Air-comfort breathable mesh and straps which make it probably the most comfortable to wear of all our test rucksacks.

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Introduce infants to homemade baby food

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▶ Avocado Banana Rice Mash.

RECIPE

Making your own baby food is easy

Here are two nutritious recipes to appeal to your little one.

Avocado Banana Rice Mash
Preparation:

1 In a bowl, stir together rice, avocado, banana and applesauce until well combined. Refrigerate leftovers for up to 2 days.

Rice Pudding
Preparation:

1 In a medium saucepan, combine rice and water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover, reduce heat and cook until rice is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes.

2 Stir in apple, banana and milk and cook for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired.

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Ingredients:

Avocado Banana Rice Mash
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked white or brown rice
- 1/2 avocado, mashed
- 1/2 banana, mashed
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) unsweetened applesauce

Rice Pudding
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) uncooked rice
- 500 ml (2 cups) water
- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and grated
- 1 mashed banana
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fortified rice milk or cow's milk
- Pinch cinnamon

HANDOUT

▶ Making your own baby food can be fun and it'll also taste delicious for your baby. Seen here is some rice pudding, recipe at left.

▶ While jarred baby food is 'akin to cat food,' if you make your own it can taste good enough for baby, mother and father to eat

Chances are that if you are attuned to eating locally grown, fresh food, you'll also want your baby to do the same. Such food is unlikely to be found in jars of commercial baby food, however. But you can be sure your baby will eat well and healthfully if you make some of his or her meals at home using much of what the rest of the family is eating.

"Whatever is seasonal and whatever you have on hand can be given to your baby," says Nicole Young of Toronto. She is a trained chef, food stylist, recipe developer, food writer and the mother of two children.

"If you have ever looked at jars of baby food in the supermarket and in particular strained chicken, it is akin to cat food and is gross," she says.

Young says that there are many benefits to giving your child homemade baby food.

"You are choosing the produce so it is going to be higher quality, it is going to taste better as it is real food and you are going to get the baby to table foods much faster."

Old enough?

▶ Young says that whether you are breast feeding or giving your baby formula, age six months is the time to slowly begin supplementing his or her diet.

Young says that's because you can control the texture — which is not possible with strained foods "such as you find in jars because they resemble custard with little texture."

Acknowledging that some mothers will say they don't have time to make their own baby food, she maintains that it takes little effort.

"Right now moms and tots groups are very popular where they get together for support and enjoyment," Young says. "I suggest everyone pick one vegetable, process it and freeze in ice cube trays and swap at the next get-together."

If you are cooking chicken for dinner, set aside a little bit for baby. Don't salt it. Cook and purée or shred it, she suggests.

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Diced soft foods safe at age 8 to 12 months

It's important to introduce your baby to a variety of textures. The following list will give you an idea of what textures are appropriate at what age:

6 months:

Very watery purees, the consistency of watered-down pudding.

7 months:

Slightly lumpy minced foods, the consistency of rice or tapioca pudding.

8 to 12 months:

Soft foods, diced or shredded.

12 months and over:

Adapted family foods (soft foods or harder foods diced into bite-size pieces).

This is from Blender Baby Food by Nicole Young and Nadine Day.

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Fishy past can trip up job hunt

Overcome the stigma of criminal record or employment gap ◗ Don't be afraid to sign background check

▶ The first position you get after an employment gap can help put the whole mess behind you.

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Leaping over the usual job search hurdles — computerized resume scans, scripted job interviews, routine background checks and calls placed to references — is a daunting enough feat in an ice age of hiring freezes and a high unemployment.

Bury a criminal record, a youthful mishap, or even an eyebrow-arching employment gap onto that resume, and you could easily feel like the last untouchable the corporate community will ever deign to hire.

That self-skepticism, motivational coach Eric Mayo warns, is one of the true burdens of a criminal past.

"I wouldn't rule out applying to a job you feel qualified for," he encourages.

"You may get only some of the jobs you apply for, but you get none of the jobs you don't apply for."

That said, some enterprises put out a softer welcome mat than others. The powers-that-hire at small businesses or independent temping agencies are more likely to shrug their shoulders at a one-off battle with the law than an HR rep towing multinational corporate policy.

But if those mom-and-pop storefronts do ask for a background check, career consultant Cynthyia Shapiro recommends the "Sign-and-Smile" strategy.

resume writing

▶ **Author a skills-based** resume that clusters job experience around the qualifications demanded by the want ad. That, Mayo notes, can leaf over a hole in your job record — and maybe land you that first post you need to put the whole mess behind you.

"The trick that companies have figured out is that if they put this background check form thing in front of you, nine times out of ten, you'll confess," she explains. "So sign it with a big smile on your face, hand it back, say thanks — and hope they don't actually check."

A more direct answer, however, may require a more direct answer, Mayo cautions.

When confronted about a lapse in your career history or some red ink on your police papers, he suggests the following response: "I'm glad you asked about that because I want you to feel comfortable hiring me. I've made some bad choices, but I've learned from them."

"Focus less on the past than on what you've been doing since, like continuing your education," he offers. "Be honest. If someone asks you a straight question, give them a straight answer."

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ANIMAL HEALTH The University of Guelph has opened the doors to a $62-million Pathobiology and Animal Health Laboratory.

The lab will house nearly 250 researchers, technicians, and educators dedicated to understanding animal illnesses that impact human health.

The 126,000-square-foot, four-storey facility features a 120-seat lecture theatre, flexible lab space, seminar rooms, teaching labs, and office space. University president Alastair Summerlee says the structure places Guelph at the forefront of improving the health of animals, humans, and the environment.

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COURTS SYMPATHETIC TO STAFF DISHONESTY

Workplace Law

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David Leitner could have made Pinocchio proud. But, as his employer Wyeth Canada recently learned, proof of workplace dishonesty may be present, but it seldom matters if the punishment doesn't fit the crime.

Having conducted a random audit into employee expense claims, Wyeth determined that Leitner had lied on a number of his claims and that he knowingly submitted personal receipts for reimbursement.

Leitner was summoned to an unscheduled interview and asked to justify his actions. Leitner explained that, he disliked filling out expense reports and often submitted the claim long after the expenses were incurred and when his recollection of the expense had long since faded. Further, since some of the receipts were missing, he admitted to using personal receipts instead. Leitner adamantly denied trying to defraud the company. Instead, he pleaded that he was simply trying to get reimbursed for the money he spent.

Wyeth did not buy Leitner's explanation. The company believed he was dishonest to the point of being fraudulent. Although the total cost of the expenses in question was less than $500, Wyeth fired Leitner for "just cause."

"The legal doctrine of 'just cause' allows employers to terminate employees without notice or severance where their conduct is so grave, no employer should be expected to tolerate it."

The legal doctrine of "just cause" allows employers to terminate employees without notice or severance where their conduct is so grave, no employer should be expected to tolerate it. However, Canadian courts only consider the most severe forms of misconduct sufficient to meet this test.

Here, Ontario Superior Court Justice Romain Pitt found that Leitner's termination for just cause was not justified. According to Justice Pitt, Leitner's conduct was more akin to recklessness not fraudulence and Wyeth should have considered his long record of good service before firing him for just cause. What can employees and employers take from this case?

— Employees should challenge being terminated for just cause, even if they have engaged in some misconduct. Given the courts' predilection for awarding severance, the ends often justify the means.

— Similarly, employers should not terminate employees for cause where another form of discipline is more appropriate. I have won cases by showing a suspension was more suitable than dismissal.

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▶ Do you have a great idea? Social media can help you get the message out to the world.

"The value of social media at school comes from a number of things — increased connectedness, building reputation, building presence and going outside of the boundaries of what's normal in the classroom." DAVID VOGT

Social media can help you make friends but can it help you get a degree, or even a job?

Experts say yes, as long as you clean up your act a bit first.

Beyond offering fun ways of keeping in touch, online sites like Facebook, LinkedIn or ePortfolio.org hold a lot of potential for sharing ideas beyond the classroom and connecting you to employers.

Tim Richardson, a professor of e-commerce who teaches at the University of Toronto, uses social media sites like YouTube as a direct part of his classes and he encourages students to showcase the work they're proud of, like research presentations, online. He says social media can impact the classroom in a positive way because it often allows for active communication.

"Learning is not just about how we teach the course but it's about students teaching themselves. True communication is two-way, people have to be able to listen and respond to your ideas," Richardson said.

David Vogt, director of digital learning projects at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Education, suggests the self-publishing aspects of social media can act as a kind of electronic resume but students also need to take command of their online image lest they reveal things that could harm their reputation.

"You have to think about managing your presence online and make sure there's not a bunch of embarrassing stuff out there about you. You also want to provide really accurate demonstrations of how you work. Think of anything you've done as resume material — everything digital about yourself you can aggregate," Vogt said.

Of course, online life can have its pitfalls — particularly those of the self-inflicted variety. The simple truth of the digital age is that if you put something into the public sphere, it can exist essentially forever, so make sure that any personal information you place online is of the kind that won't come back to haunt you.

"Be careful about privacy issues and remember that screen captures can live forever. When you're posting something and your 21, you don't want future employers, boyfriends or children asking about it years down the road," Richardson said.

social media tips

- **Electronic portfolio sites** like ePortfolio.org or LinkedIn can be a great way to put your best foot forward, but only if you keep them updated regularly. Always put your most recent, best work first and make sure all your posted information is current.
- **Consider creating** and posting a video resume that shows off your personality, professional appearance and communication skills
- **Pick one of** the social media sites you use to be your primary page, that way it'll be easier to control what gets revealed about you

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TFC addresses fans' discontent

Tom Anselmi wants to get a few things off his chest.

First of all, the chief operating officer of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment is "pissed off" about the poor performance of Toronto FC this season, which will see the team miss the playoffs for the fourth straight year. He also admits the club "screwed up royally" with its season ticket renewals.

And he vows to "get this fixed real quick" by rejigging season ticket packages and hiring the right general manager to improve on-field results.

"We don't feel good about the fact that we are where we are because the objective this year was the playoffs and we missed it," Anselmi said in an interview yesterday. "It's bothering me.

"I feel a personal obligation to our fans to deliver ,and so far we haven't."

TFC, which has been a box office sensation since it joined Major League Soccer as an expansion team in 2007, was officially eliminated from the playoff race last Saturday just prior to a 3-0 loss to Chivas USA.

11th

With two games to go, the Reds (8-13-7) sit in 11th place among 16 teams.

In a wide-ranging conversation just three days before the deadline for 2011 season ticket renewals, Anselmi made a plea for fans to "hang in there."

Scarf-waving supporters, angry with the lack of improvement on the field and dramatic increases of more than 30 per cent in cost and four more games in their season ticket packages for next season, have been voicing their displeasure with chants and protests during home games.

TFC will announce today that Anselmi is going to hold a series of town hall meetings with supporter groups.

The club is also removing a pair of CONCACAF Champions League matches from obligatory purchase in season tickets, a move that will cut the total cost of the 2011 package, he said.

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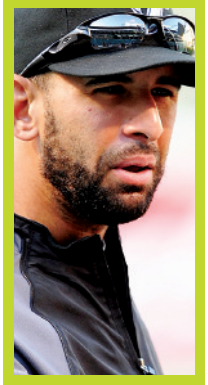

"What I did last (off-season) allowed me to be successful. But I don't know if I'll be able to play winter ball given that we'll be in the middle of negotiations. I don't want to risk anything individually or for the team."

JOSE BAUTISTA, ON WHETHER HE WILL PLAY IN THE DOMINICAN LEAGUE THIS OFF-SEASON

"The differences of $50,000 or $100,000 may not seem huge, but it's actually really stressful when you're about to commit."

BAUTISTA

Road trip will test Leafs' early success

Team in Pittsburgh tonight, then faces Rangers Friday

While such assessments are always a moving target — particularly in a city where each victory or loss is hyper-analyzed — the Maple Leafs' next two games will provide a much clearer indication of how good this team really is.

After jumping out of the gate with wins over Montreal and Ottawa, the Leafs face their first two road tests of the season, in the Penguins' new arena at Pittsburgh tonight and at New York against the Rangers Friday.

Even Toronto coach Ron Wilson isn't certain what he has.

"The first game, we weren't great. The second game, we played really well. We probably lie somewhere in between," Wilson said in assessing his team's start. "These will be two interesting tests for us."

Not only will the Leafs be pushed by two good clubs but they are expected to give goaltender Jonas Gustavsson his first start of the season in one of those games, almost certainly against the Rangers. Brett Lebda, a defenceman who signed on as a free agent, may also make his Leafs debut that night.

Getting rusty?

Jonas Gustavsson, who had a minor groin muscle injury during camp, hasn't played since making 35 saves in a 5-4 exhibition win against Buffalo Sept. 27.

Fans will also see how the Leafs fare in games in which they don't have the last line change, meaning it will be tougher to get Tim Brent's hard-working checking unit out against the likes of Sidney Crosby and company. Wilson, though, is more inclined to focus on keeping his shutdown defensive pairing of Francois Beauchemin and Dion Phaneuf out against an opponent's top line.

Pittsburgh, with Crosby and Evgeni Malkin on the first power-play unit, will also provide a challenge for Toronto's penalty killers, who have been perfect through their first two games.

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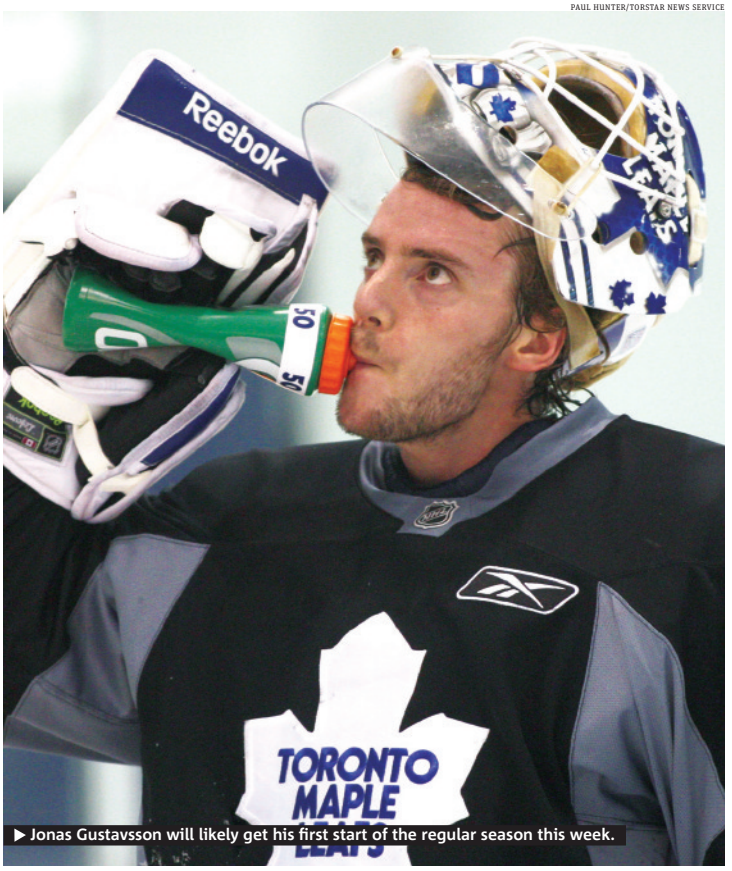

▶ Jonas Gustavsson will likely get his first start of the regular season this week.

Emergency clause gives Devils room

New Jersey's barren lineup raises CBA questions that are without easy answers Club dressed just 17 players for Monday's game against Pens

The New Jersey Devils have given the hockey world no shortage of things to talk about over the last few months.

The most recent topic of conversation is the cap-strapped team's decision to dress only 17 players against Pittsburgh Monday afternoon — a move that comes with plenty of interesting questions about the salary cap.

NHL teams are supposed to ice lineups with 20 players, including goaltenders. Injuries to Brian Rolston and Anton Volchenkov, and a one-game suspension to Pierre Luc Letourneau-Leblond accounted for New Jersey's missing players.

Under normal circumstances, a team would probably have called up some replacements from the American Hockey League. But the Devils didn't have room under the $59.4-million US salary cap to add anyone else to their roster.

As a result, they sent out just 15 skaters and two goaltenders for a 3-1 loss to the Penguins. The NHL allowed it to happen because the situation constituted an "emergency" — at least as it's applied to clause 16.4 (b) of the CBA: "Except in case of emergency, there shall be no reduction of the required minimum playing rosters of the clubs, below eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goaltenders."

Fair enough. But what now?

Devils GM Lou Lamoriello told reporters in New Jersey the team will dress 18 players for its game in Buffalo today, including newly signed forward Adam Mair.

Some in the hockey world are suggesting this essentially amounts to circumvention of the salary cap — something the Devils were penalized for in the Ilya Kovalchuk negotiations — because they are avoiding making a tough roster decision by going short-staffed. Others point to the fact that teams have been allowed to employ the tactic in the past, including the Calgary Flames in 2009 and the Devils themselves in 2007.

The key question to consider is at what point does the Devils situation cease to be an emergency rather than regular practice? At least for now, it passes muster.

"At this point in time, we believe that New Jersey's decisions vis-a-vis its roster and gameday lineup have been compliant with the team's obligations under the CBA," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ New Jersey Devils Patrik Elias is congratulated after scoring a goal Monday against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

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1 NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said there is no timetable for wrapping up an investigation of an Internet report that said Vikings quarterback Brett Favre sent racy text messages and lewd photos to a former New York Jets game hostess.

2 Red Wings defenceman Brian Rafalski is out three to four weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

3 Dwyane Wade resumed some light exercise and will likely begin what the Miami Heat call "extensive court work" in about a week.

4 Islanders defenceman James Wisniewski was suspended by the NHL for two games yesterday because of an obscene gesture he made toward Sean Avery during a game Monday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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d-Carolina	2	2	0	0	0	6	4	4	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
Washington	3	2	1	0	0	12	8	4	2-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	2	1	0	0	1	10	9	3	1-0-0-1	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-1	W1
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	0	5	3	2	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	W1
NY Rangers	2	1	1	0	0	10	9	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Atlanta	2	1	1	0	0	7	7	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
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Montreal	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Buffalo	3	1	2	0	0	8	11	2	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	L2
Pittsburgh	3	1	2	0	0	7	7	2	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	W1
New Jersey	3	0	2	1	0	6	14	1	0-1-1-0	0-1-0-0	0-2-1-0	L3
Ottawa	3	0	2	1	0	4	10	1	0-1-0-0	0-1-1-0	0-2-1-0	L3
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d-Detroit	2	2	0	0	0	7	2	4	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
d-Edmonton	2	2	0	0	0	7	2	4	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	0	7	2	4	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
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Chicago	3	1	1	1	0	9	10	3	0-1-0-0	1-0-1-0	1-1-1-0	W1
Nashville	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	W1
Colorado	2	1	1	0	0	6	7	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Columbus	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
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Minnesota	2	0	1	0	1	4	6	1	0-1-0-0	0-0-0-1	0-1-0-1	L2
Anaheim	3	0	3	0	0	2	13	0	0-0-0-0	0-3-0-0	0-3-0-0	L3

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(All times Eastern)
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Friday's games
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Roy, Buf	4	1	5
Hossa, Chi	3	2	5
Ovechkin, Wash	3	2	5
Comeau, NYI	3	1	4
Dubinsky, NYR	3	1	4
Horton, Bos	3	1	4
Leopold, Buf	2	2	4
Bailey, NYI	1	3	4
Carlson, Wash	1	3	4
Martin, Pgh	1	3	4
B.Richards, Dal	1	3	4
Ennis, Buf	0	4	4
Morrow, Dal	3	0	3
Stepan, NYR	3	0	3
Arnott, NJ	2	1	3
Bickell, Chi	2	1	3
Fehr, Wash	2	1	3
Goligoski, Pgh	2	1	3
Huselius, Clb	2	1	3
Kessel, Tor	2	1	3
Laich, Wash	2	1	3
MacArthur, Tor	2	1	3
Moulson, NYI	2	1	3
D.Sedin, Vcr	2	1	3
Stamkos, TB	2	1	3
Vrbata, Phx	2	1	3
Anisimov, NYR	1	2	3
Bertuzzi, Det	1	2	3
Elias, NJ	1	2	3
Fleischmann, Wash	1	2	3
Girardi, NYR	1	2	3
J.Jokinen, Car	1	2	3
Nielsen, NYI	1	2	3
Stafford, Buf	1	2	3
Weight, NYI	1	2	3

Not including last night's games

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 2, PANTHERS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, D.Sedin 1 (Samuelsson, H.Sedin) 12:39
Penalty — Alberts Vcr (hooking) 18:33.
Second Period
2. Florida, Olesz 1 (Santorelli, Stillman) 19:22
Penalties — Samuelsson Vcr (slashing) 1:24, H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 15:05.
Third Period
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 2 (H.Sedin, Samuelsson) 14:52
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Florida	12	10	20	42
Vancouver	12	11	12	35

Goal — Florida: Vokoun (L,0-2-0); Vancouver: Luongo (W,1-0-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Florida: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-0.
Referees — Ian Walsh, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Darren Gibbs, Mike Cvik.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

MLB

2010 POSTSEASON

DIVISION SERIES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tampa Bay vs. Texas
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
Texas at Tampa Bay
Minnesota vs. New York
(New York wins series 3-0)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati
(Philadelphia wins series 3-0)
San Francisco vs. Atlanta
(San Francisco wins series 3-1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Friday's game
New York (Sabathia 21-7) at Tampa Bay-Texas winner, 8:07 p.m.
Saturday's game
New York (Pettitte 11-3 or Hughes 18-8) at Tampa Bay-Texas winner, 4:07 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York (Hughes 18-8 or Pettitte 11-3), 8:07 p.m
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York (Burnett 10-15), 8:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York, 4:07 p.m., if necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's game
San Francisco (Lincecum 16-10) at Philadelphia (Halladay 21-10), 7:57 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Francisco (Cain 13-11) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 8:19 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Philadelphia (Hamels 12-11) at San Francisco (Sanchez 13-9), 4:19 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m., if necessary

LATE MONDAY

GIANTS 3, BRAVES 2

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
ATorrs cf	4	0	0	0	OInfant 2b	5	1	1	0
FSnchz 2b	4	0	0	0	M.Diaz lf	3	0	1	0
A.Huff 1b	3	1	1	0	MeCarr ph-lf	2	0	0	0
BrWlsn p	0	0	0	0	D.Lee 1b	4	0	0	0
Posey c	4	1	1	0	McCnn c	3	1	2	2
Burrell lf	2	0	0	0	McLoth pr	0	0	0	0
SCasill p	0	0	0	0	D.Ross c	0	0	0	0
JaLopz p	0	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0
Ishikaw ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Heywrd rf	4	0	2	0
Uribe ss-3b	3	0	0	1	Glaus 3b	3	0	0	0
Fontent 3b	2	0	0	0	Venters p	0	0	0	0
Rownd ph	1	0	0	0	Kimrel p	0	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	0	0	0	0	Conrad ph	1	0	0	0
C.Ross rf-lf	3	1	2	2	Ankiel cf	2	0	0	0
Bmgrn p	2	0	0	0	D.Lowe p	2	0	0	0
Renteri ss	1	0	1	0	Moylan p	0	0	0	0
DHrndz 3b	1	0	0	0					
Hinske ph	0	0	0	0					
THudsn pr	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**Totals**		**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**

San Francisco	000	001	200	3
Atlanta	001	001	000	2

E—Fontenot (1), Ale.Gonzalez 2 (2). DP—Atlanta 2. LOB—San Francisco 2, Atlanta 9. HR—C.Ross (1), McCann (1). CS—A.Torres (2). SF—McCann.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Bumgarner W,1-0	6	6	2	2	1	5
S.Casilla H,1	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Ja.Lopez H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Br.Wilson S,2-3	1	0	0	0	2	1
Atlanta						
D.Lowe L,0-2	6 1-3	2	3	2	2	8
Moylan BS,1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venters	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	2
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:56. A—44,532 (49,743) at Atlanta.

GAMES

COMMONWEALTH GAMES
At New Delhi

WHAT CANADA DID

DIVING
Men
3-metre synchronized: Alexandre Despatie, Laval, Que., and Reuben Ross, Pilot Butte, Sask., won gold.
Women
1-metre springboard: Jennifer Abel, Laval, Que., wins gold; Emelie Heymans, St-Lambert, Que., won bronze.

FIELD HOCKEY
Men
Canada def. Malaysia 3-2 in seventh-place game.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
Women
Team:Canada wins silver.

RUGBY SEVENS
Men
Canada finishes eighth, loses 17-10 to Papua New Guinea in consolation Bowl final.

SHOOTING
Women
10-metre air pistol pairs: Dorothy Ludwig, Langley, B.C., and Lynda Hare, Calgary, win bronze.

TRACK AND FIELD
Men
4x100 relay: Canada (Hank Palmer, Lasalle, Que.; Seyi Smith, Ottawa; Jared Connaughton, New Haven, P.E.I.; Sam Effah, Calgary), disqualified for exchange violations.
Women
Pole vault: Carly Dockendorf, Port Moody, B.C., and Kelsie Hendry, Saskatoon, tied for third, 4.25.
800 metres: Megan Wright, Edmonton, eighth, 16:55.86.
4x400 relay: Canada (Amonn Nelson, Calgary; Adrienne Power, Halifax; Vicki Tolton, Smithers, B.C.; Carline Muir, Edmonton), fourth, 3:30.20.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
DETROIT TIGERS — Declined their 2011 contract option on OF Maggio Ordonez.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Announced the retirement of ticket operations director Frank Maloney, effective at the end of the 2010 calendar year.

FOOTBALL

NFL
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Thomas Williams to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed QB Brett Ratliff. Terminated the contract of WR Sam Aiken.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed OL Nick Kaczur on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed G Igor Bobkov to a three-year contract.
BOSTON BRUINS — Assigned G Nolan Schaefer to Providence (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F Jiri Tlusty to Charlotte (AHL) for conditioning.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Waived D Jeff Finger.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-New York	28	14	8	6	35	27	48
x-Columbus	28	13	8	7	35	31	46
Kansas City	27	9	12	6	30	33	33
Chicago	27	8	11	8	33	35	32
Toronto FC	28	8	13	7	28	37	31
New England	28	8	15	5	31	48	29
Philadelphia	28	7	14	7	32	45	28
D.C. United	28	6	19	3	19	44	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	28	17	6	5	41	22	56
x-Real Salt Lake	28	14	4	10	41	18	52
x-FC Dallas	28	12	2	14	41	24	50
x-Seattle	28	13	9	6	36	32	45
x-San Jose	27	12	8	7	30	28	43
Colorado	28	11	8	9	39	29	42
Chivas USA	27	8	15	4	29	36	28
Houston	28	7	15	6	37	48	27

x — clinched playoff berth.
Last night's result
Kansas City at Chicago
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Chivas USA at Seattle, 11 p.m.

2012 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING
Group A
Azerbaijan 1, Turkey 0
Belgium 4, Austria 4
Kazakhstan 0, Germany 3
Group B
Armenia 4, Andorra 0
Macedonia 0, Russia 1
Slovakia 1, Ireland 1
Group C
Estonia 0, Slovenia 1
Faeroe Islands 1, Northern Ireland 1
Italy 0, Serbia 0, abandoned, 7 minutes, fan violence
Group D
Belarus 2, Albania 0
France 2, Luxembourg 0
Group E
Finland 1, Hungary 2
Netherlands 4, Sweden 1
San Marino 0, Moldova 2
Group F
Greece 2, Israel 1
Latvia 1, Georgia 1
Group G
England 0, Montenegro 0
Switzerland 4, Wales 1
Group H
Denmark 2, Cyprus 0
Iceland 1, Portugal 3
Group I
Liechtenstein 0, Czech Republic 2
Scotland 2, Spain 3

CFL

WEEK 16

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	14	10	4	0	455	356	20
Hamilton	14	7	7	0	366	366	14
Toronto	14	7	7	0	283	363	14
Winnipeg	14	4	10	0	392	385	8

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	14	10	4	0	471	341	20
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	399	369	18
B.C.	14	5	9	0	356	366	10
Edmonton	14	4	10	0	273	449	8

x — clinched playoff berth.
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	.800	135	81
New England	3	1	0	.750	131	96
Miami	2	2	0	.500	66	92
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000	87	161

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	2	0	.600	118	136
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	107	137
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	95
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	136	101

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	92	72
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	86	50
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	100	102
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	78	97

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	77	57
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	111	134
Denver	2	3	0	.400	104	116
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	140	106

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	2	0	.600	89	92
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	106	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	122	103
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	81	87

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	113	70
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	74	80
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	99	102
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	52	110

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	92	74
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	119	89
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	63	67
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	126	112

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	88	138
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	75	77
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	83	96
San Francisco	0	5	0	.000	76	130

WEEK FIVE
Byes: Miami, New England, Pittsburgh, Seattle
Monday's result
N.Y. Jets 29 Minnesota 20
Sunday's results
Arizona 30 New Orleans 20
Atlanta 20 Cleveland 10
Baltimore 31 Denver 17
Chicago 23 Carolina 6
Detroit 44 St. Louis 6
Indianapolis 19 Kansas City 9
Jacksonville 36 Buffalo 26
N.Y. Giants 34 Houston 10
Oakland 35 San Diego 27
Philadelphia 27 San Francisco 24
Tampa Bay 24 Cincinnati 21
Tennessee 34 Dallas 27
Washington 16 Green Bay 13 (OT)

WEEK SIX
Byes: Arizona, Buffalo, Carolina, Cincinnati
Sunday, Oct. 17
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

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‘We’ve got seven guys better than him right now’

- Maple Leafs place pricey D-man Jeff Finger on waivers
- Wilson says decision was not just a business move

Another highly-paid player could be heading to the American Hockey League.

The Toronto Maple Leafs placed defenceman Jeff Finger on waivers yesterday and intend to assign him to their minor-league affiliate if he goes unclaimed, according to coach Ron Wilson.

Finger is earning $3.5 million US in the third year of a $14-million, four-year contract he signed in July 2008. While the Leafs will gain some cap space with his departure, Wilson indicated the move was made because of where Finger currently sits on the team’s depth chart.

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▶ Jeff Finger

“It’s not so much just a business move,” Wilson told reporters after practice yesterday. “We’ve got seven guys better than him right now. That’s what it came down to.”

The 30-year-old Finger didn’t appear in either of the Leafs opening two regular-season games after suffering a knee injury during training camp.

He was ultimately bumped by Brett Lebda’s expected return from a shoulder injury this week. That will give the Leafs seven healthy defencemen ahead of Finger.

“He understands the situation,” said Wilson. “Because of a couple of injuries, he didn’t get a great opportunity in camp. But clearly the other guys have performed very well.”

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Soccer. Record

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Villa nets Spanish record

David Villa became Spain’s all-time leading scorer yesterday, showing his worth to the world champions when he scored his 45th goal for the national team. The Barcelona striker took sole possession of the Spanish record he had jointly held with former Real Madrid great Raul Gonzalez.

Obama knows his former Raptors

When Heat forward Chris Bosh met U.S. President Barack Obama this week, no introductions were necessary. To Bosh’s surprise, Obama knew exactly who he was.

Bosh and Dwyane Wade were among those attending a fundraiser at Alonzo Mourning’s home Monday, when Obama appeared in support of U.S. Rep. Ron Klein’s re-election campaign. It was the first time Bosh met the president, who said he will root for the Heat this season — except when they play the Chicago Bulls.

Bosh said he doesn’t get nervous meeting people because “we’re all people at the end of the day.”

Bosh said Obama talked about teamwork, drawing parallels between what Wade wanted to see during this summer’s free-agent period and what the president wants to see in the November elections.

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Despatie dives to another gold medal

Quebec native on fire at Commonwealth Games Yesterday's gold medal in New Delhi was third in as many days for 25-year-old Despatie

Canuck results

Other Canadian action:

- Diver Jennifer Abel of Laval, Que., won gold on the one-metre springboard while teammate Emilie Heymans of St-Lambert, Que., was third.
- In shooting, Dorothy Ludwig of Langley, B.C., and Calgary's Lynda Hare won bronze in women's team 10-metre air pistol.
- At the track, Carly Dockendorf of Port Moody, B.C., and Kelsie Hendry of Saskatoon finished tied for third.

Alexandre Despatie's ninth career Commonwealth Games gold medal left the Quebec diver thinking of just one thing — rest and relaxation.

Despatie's third gold in as many days yesterday came as he combined with Reuben Ross of Pilot Butte, Sask., to win the three-metre synchronized springboard title.

"Right now, all I'm thinking about is that it's over and I'm going to take a week's vacation," Despatie said after the dramatic victory, which was sealed on the last dive.

"But we have a lot of work left to do before the season resumes. I've had a super season and I want things to continue like this toward (the Olympic Games of) 2012."

9 Despatie has won a Canadian record nine Commonwealth golds dating back to his first as a 13-year-old at the 1998 Games in Malaysia.

Despatie and Ross led most of the competition, but fell to second after the fifth round.

However, they finished with near-perfect marks for synchronization on their inward dive, the most difficult on their list, to win gold with 430.35 points. Australia was second, followed by Malaysia.

"We told each other it's never over until it's over," said Despatie.

"We knew we could do that last dive very well. On the fourth dive we were a bit off on the synchro and the individual quality wasn't there on the fifth."

Despatie, a 25-year-old from Laval, defended his three-metre springboard title Monday and won the one-metre event Sunday.

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▶ Canada's Alexandre Despatie, bottom, and Reuben Ross compete yesterday at the Commonwealth Games in India.

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Prefontaine coming back to T.O.

Eskimos trade veteran kicker back to Argonauts ● Legare heads to Edmonton along with rights to Munoz

Noel Prefontaine is returning to Toronto.

The veteran CFL punter/kicker has been traded back to the Argonauts by the Edmonton Eskimos.

The deal sends defensive lineman Etienne Legare and the negotiation rights to defensive back Damaso Munoz to Edmonton.

Prefontaine played 10 seasons for the Argos before he was traded to Edmonton in May 2008.

The 36-year-old is Toronto's second-leading scorer with 935 points.

He also ranks second in punting with 57,246 yards and leads the club in kickoff yards with 36,265 yards.

"It's a pleasure to be back in the place where my career started and I'm looking forward to continuing to build the strong relationships I have with many of the coaches, players and fans in Toronto," Prefontaine said in a statement.

Prefontaine entered the CFL as a punter but blossomed into an all-star at both punter and kicker.

"The opportunity to acquire arguably the best Canadian punter/kicker in the league was too good to pass up," said Argos coach Jim Barker.

"Etienne Legare is a fine, young player and we wish him the best in Edmonton. Hopefully, this is a trade that helps both teams."

Legare has appeared in eight games this season, recording one tackle.

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Roster move

- The Argos released kicker Justin Medlock to make room for Prefontaine. Medlock was 3-for-4 on field goal attempts in Saturday's win over the Roughriders, his only miss coming from 50 yards.

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- New technology means the battery isn't charging when the power is needed elsewhere
- System keeps a constant check on battery voltage

▶ The smart alternator on Hyundai's Tucson helps save fuel.

Hyundai's Smart alternator

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Very seldom do auto companies make giant strides in fuel economy through the use of single technologies. More often, it's the result of small savings here and there, which all add up – including "smart" alternator technology used by companies such as Hyundai.

The car's alternator generates electricity to recharge the battery while the engine is running. The shaft that spins inside the alternator to make electricity runs off the car's engine, requiring some of its power. The alternator's shaft is always turning, but it draws more engine power when it is required to charge the battery, which can happen when accessories such as lights, wipers or the stereo drain it.

"The battery is constantly losing energy to feed these systems, and when it gets low enough, it says, 'I need more energy,' and the alternator feeds the battery," says John Juriga, director of powertrain at the Hyundai Kia America Technical Center in Detroit, Michigan. "With a smart alternator, there's a constant check as to what the battery voltage is."

"They're small numbers (in fuel savings), but everything counts."
JOHN JURIGA, HYUNDAI DIRECTOR OF POWERTRAIN

Lowdown

"Smart" alternator technology, which is used by several auto manufacturers, consists primarily of software programming in the vehicle's existing engine control module, making it a relatively simple and inexpensive way to save fuel.

Unlike a conventional system, the smart alternator selects the best time to recharge the battery, such as during deceleration. When the driver is accelerating, and if the battery doesn't need to be charged immediately, the smart alternator holds off. "You want that energy to go to the wheels, to move the vehicle forward," Juriga says.

The smart alternator itself contains some electronics, but the system primarily depends on the engine control module, which determines the battery's charge, the vehicle's speed, and if the car is decelerating.

"If the battery voltage was below the minimum threshold, it would still charge the battery during acceleration," Juriga says.

"You'd lose a little performance, but the battery takes priority and that's why it's 'smart.' It can decide when it makes the most sense to charge the battery, rather than just being ignorant of how the vehicle is operating. They're small numbers (in fuel savings), but everything counts."

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Interest in Leaf is electric

20,000 have signed up to buy Nissan's all-electric car That puts model well ahead of target

Consumer interest for the Nissan LEAF continues to grow, as Nissan North America Inc. announced its 20,000th reservation for the 100 per cent electric car.

Nissan had anticipated reaching its stated target of 20,000 reservations at the time of the first U.S. Nissan LEAF delivery, in December.

Nissan now is focusing on providing the best level of customer service and premium ownership experience to those who already have enrolled. A subsequent phase of reservations will begin next year, after current reservations and orders have been processed.

Consumers who already have made reservations will continue to have the opportunity to purchase or lease an all-electric Nissan LEAF. Nissan is following its planned order-release timing for existing reservationists.

Orders have been prioritized based on market timing and when consumers submitted their original reservations online and paid their refundable (US) $99 reservation fee.

Those who are interested in the Nissan LEAF but have yet to make reservations are invited to sign up for information and updates on www.nissanusa.com. CARGUIDE

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Many owners, reviewers, enthusiasts and even weekend motorsport aficionados say the last-generation BMW M3 is one of the ultimate sports cars of the modern era.

Though a huge price tag and relative exclusivity meant the M3 wasn't always an easily-attainable car, the last-generation model is now becoming a popular and more affordable used car buy than ever.

The last complete M3 generation was on sale to us Canadians from 2001 to 2006 inclusive. All models were rear-drive, two-doors offered in coupe or convertible body styles. The model launched with a 3.2 litre straight-six engine with 333 horsepower and 262 lb.-ft of torque.

Yee haw.

A six-speed stick was standard, and a six-speed Sequential Manual Gearbox (SMG) was added to the options list later in this generation's life.

The SMG transmission effectively automated the manual unit, putting two shifting modes at the driver's disposal.

The SMG was a high-tech toy enjoyed by many owners – though it was often considered harsh, clumsy and abrupt. Unproven reliability and a complex computer system will likely increase repair costs should the SMG require repair.

Those who prefer a stick-shift are advised to stick to their guns.

Other hardware included automatic climate control, a Harmon Kardon audio system, powered and heated leather seats, a self-dimming rearview mirror and a set of automatic xenon headlamps.

What owners like

Performance, prestige, exclusivity, brand reputation and styling all rate highly amongst last-generation M3 owners.

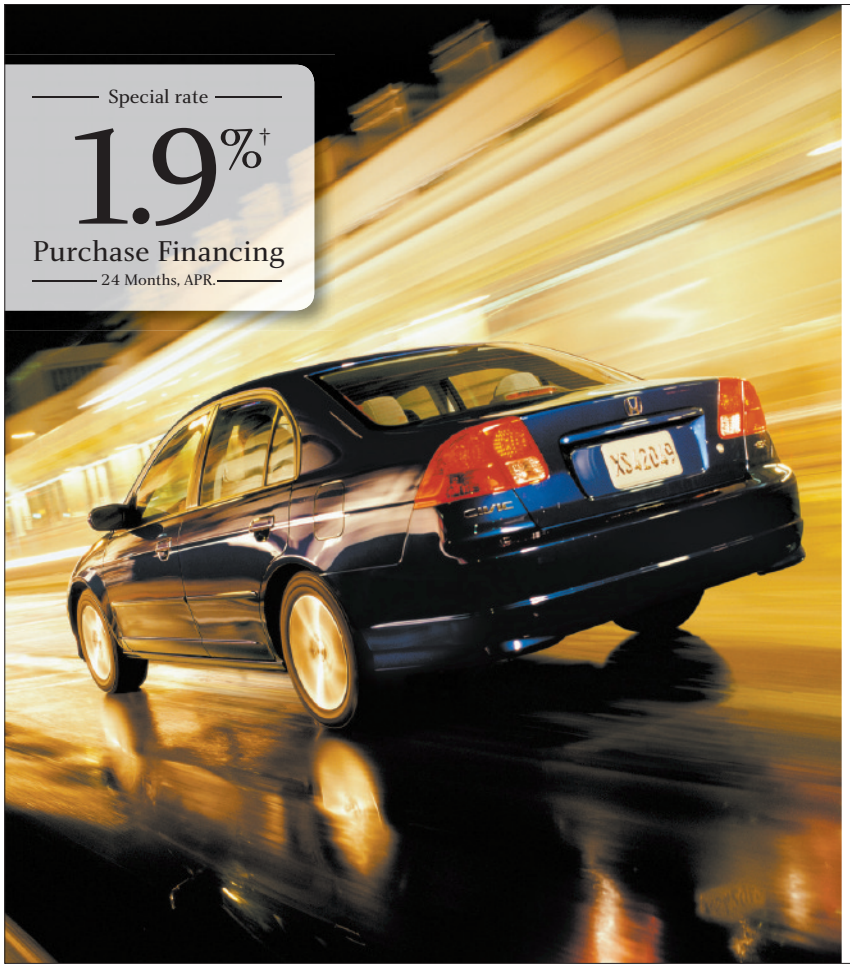
What owners hate

Common M3 complaints include a harsh ride on some surfaces, excessive fuel consumption and limited space and practicality.

Common issues

Numerous M3 models produced between early 2001 and mid 2003 were recalled for a bearing and lubrication problem that could cause engine failure. As such, avoid earlier models where possible.

Check the condition of consumable parts like tires, brakes and the clutch. A pre-purchase inspection by a BMW-trained technician can reveal a potentially expensive problem the seller may be trying to hide.



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My Drive

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Canadian actors know: the best cars in life are free

What do you love most about the Corolla?
It was free! It's a pretty no-frills kind of car. Actually it has a huge dent in it from a football fan who literally ran out into the road and into my car after a Toronto FC match and then ran off like a drunk sasquatch. He ran off, but my car had a dent in it. I thought, he's gonna feel that tomorrow.

Do you do a lot of driving?
I'm a big driver, absolutely. I grew up in the country, so I very much feel more comfortable in a car than on the TTC and the TTC just makes me angry whenever I ride it. It just takes me so long to get anywhere, whereas I can hop in the car and get to where I need to go so much faster. I sometimes have two to three auditions in a day and have to get to all of them all over the city.

What kind of driver are you?
I'm aggressive and belligerent. I'm just a really angry driver. You put me behind the wheel of a car and I turn into Rambo. I feel very comfortable blowing my horn, doing a lot of physical gestures, ones you probably can't print (laughs).

What would we find in your trunk?
You would find a crocheted half-blanket that my mother made to keep the seat warm and a litre of oil. I really don't go in my trunk much.

What car would you love to drive if money was no object?
A VW van with a mini-bar at the back.

Meet the driver

- **WHO IS SHE** Karen Parker is a Toronto-based, Canadian Comedy Award-winning actress and a member of the three-woman comedy troupe Punch in the Box, which will be performing at the Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival next month.
- **WHAT SHE DRIVES** A two-tone beige Toyota Corolla that my parents gave to me and I have no idea what year it is (laughs). I've been driving it for about half-a-year. Prior to that, I was driving a Toyota Tercel. They give me their really old cars that they can't drive anymore because I can't afford a car.

Headrests are a vital safety feature

While buckling seatbelts is second nature when getting into a car – how many of us think to adjust the headrest? Reports show that headrests are one of the most overlooked safety features in motor vehicles today and many don't realize the important role they play in preventing neck, brain and spinal cord related injuries.

According to an Insurance Bureau of Canada study, only 14 per cent of drivers on the road have their headrest in the proper position. METRO

How to

Aviva Canada recommends drivers follow three simple steps to adjust headrest position:

- The top of the headrest should be in a straight line with the top of your head.
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AFTER MORE THAN 80 YEARS, THE V8 STILL RULES

The latest Ford F-150 is a prime example

▶ The Ford F-150 comes in V8 or V6 .

Henry Ford was backed into a corner. It was late in the 1920s, and both Plymouth and Chevrolet had modern cars with new six-cylinder engines. Ford, however, was still plugging away with the long-in-the-tooth four-cylinder Model A.

Chevy, in particular, was eating big chunks of Henry's lunch.

He knew he had to do something drastic.

He charged his best engineers to design a low-priced V8 motor with a one-piece cylinder block. Previous V8 designs had two or more sections, making them very labour intensive to build, and consequently, expensive.

The resulting motor displaced 221 cubic inches (3.6-litres), made 65 hp, and debuted in the 1932 Ford I8 (soon to be known and loved as "The Deuce").

Reliability didn't come overnight, but when it did, so did V8 love on a big scale. The mass-produced V8 was on its way to becoming the bedrock of the American auto industry, and an American icon.

Fast forward to the 2011 model year, and we see that Ford has once

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2011 Ford F-Series Power Options:

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again done some heavy thinking about the V8. The current and best-selling F-150 full-size pickup has flaunted its "all V8" powertrain choices for some time now, but 2011 sees it embrace a new vision — two new V6s, and two new V8s.

It's the most extensive powertrain overhaul in the truck's 62-year history (see sidebar).

If you look at the numbers it's obvious the V6s can do the job and then some — and they promise "better-than-V8" fuel economy (though the new V8s also boast improved efficiency). This portends a "V6" sea change for the full-size pickup market, one of the last strongholds for V8 power.

But the inclusion of the new 5.0-litre V8, which also sees duty in the 2011 Mustang GT, speaks volumes about the continuing allure of the V8 engine.

V8s will never be totally eclipsed by the "super" V6s, even in the certainty of more stringent CAFE fuel efficiency standards, which has already started to thin out the V8 herd.

In addition to Ford's new V8 initiatives, GM is investing $839 million to upgrade a plant to build new all-aluminum V8s.

While turbo V6 engines do well on the EPA cycle, in the real world, some consumers can achieve equal fuel efficiency with their V8s, and prefer the V8's smoother torque delivery.

And they just plain sound better… puck-a, puck-a, puck-a (or something like that).

Speaking of sounds good, some argue that the first rock and roll song ever is Rocket 88, which literally sings the praises of the 1949 Oldsmobile Rocket 88, with its new and powerful Rocket V8 engine. Would we even have rock and roll if Oldsmobile had instead introduced the Rocket 66?

Correction

Fiesta is available now

Metro Drive reported that Ford Fiesta 2011 would be available in showrooms next summer. The Ford Fiesta 2011 subcompact model is available in showrooms now.

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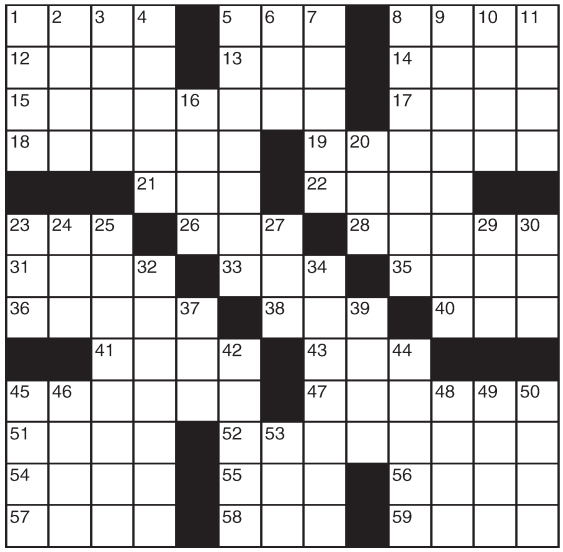

Across

1 Use a teaspoon
5 That woman
8 Wound cover
12 One of LBJ's daughters
13 Candle material
14 Jason's ship
15 Cute story
17 Bound
18 Package
19 Helicopter blades
21 Under the weather
22 Anything but that
23 Scenery chewer
26 Journey segment
28 Sleep soundly?
31 Final notice
33 — de plume
35 List-ending abbr.
36 Mexican money
38 Reaction to fireworks
40 Tackle's teammate
41 Resign
43 Insult (Sl.)
45 Curriculum component
47 Extreme selfishness
51 Stratford's river
52 "I Luv U" message
54 Clarinetist Fountain
55 Pendulum's place
56 Particular
57 Quarry
58 Attempt
59 Mafia boss

Down

1 Hit open-handedly
2 Albacore, e.g.
3 Bakery employee
4 Actress Christina
5 Distended
6 Chapeau
7 Put forth, as strength
8 Cracker type
9 Wood preservative
10 Culture medium
11 Conks on the noggin
16 Computer brand
20 Surprise cries
23 Go like a bunny
24 Copper head?
25 Interviewee's worry
27 Moo — gai pan
29 Scooted
30 Days of yore, once
32 U.S. Open, e.g.
34 Unwillingness to boast
37 One of the kin
39 Lofty
42 Entice
44 Video-game hedgehog
45 "Li'l Abner" creator
46 Finished
48 Tittle
49 Staircase part
50 "Note to self" note
53 Atmosphere

▶ Yesterday's answer

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O	L	I	O	■	O	V	A	■	O	B	I	E		
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H	U	E	■	A	L	L	■	A	D	E	P	T		
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Sudoku

4				3	5	7		2
7	9						1	
				1	8		4	
	7					8		
			2		4			
		6					3	
	4		8	6				
	2						9	6
1		9	3	7				5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	7	5	6	1	8	3	9	4
4	9	1	2	3	5	7	6	8
6	8	3	9	7	4	5	1	2
7	5	6	1	2	9	8	4	3
1	4	8	3	5	6	2	7	9
3	2	9	8	4	7	1	5	6
8	1	7	4	9	3	6	2	5
9	3	2	5	6	1	4	8	7
5	6	4	7	8	2	9	3	1

Send a KISS

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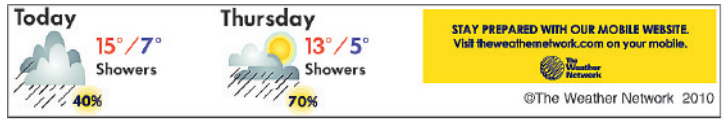
Michele Gats...you need to know that I got ur back...that we're gonna make it through this. Nobody else brings me security like you do 1-4-3 Babe. **JG**

Mattie, from stupid decision to burnt pancakes at 3am to zombie apocalypse-ing,you are my best friend and quite simply the only one for me.<3 you always. **AJM**

Cristin- After five years of us you are still "kissing my teeth", that's because I am still smiling when you do. I love you so very much and always wake up happy because you are beside me, in everything, in life. **WITH ALL MY LOVE, YOUR (GROWLY) BEAR**

Kayla and Jerrie,
I don't know how I went this long without having such great friends. Thanks for the memories. Love you always and forever. **YOUR BOO MARK**



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may lose out in one area today but you will make up for it in another. Life is all about balance and circumstances will always conspire to bring you back to a point of equilibrium.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Avoid entanglements of an emotional nature. Above all avoid situations where you may be required to take sides. You've got enough problems of your own to deal with.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Some people you get along with and some people you don't and that's just the way it is. You don't have to apologize for avoiding someone you don't much like. Maybe they should apologize!

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Someone you have feelings for on a personal level will make it possible for you to get ahead professionally or financially today. It's not always the case that duty and pleasure should be kept apart.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will have to make some kind of sacrifice today but you won't mind a bit — in fact it will feel good to do something positive for those less fortunate than you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 A friend desperately needs your assistance but is afraid to ask, not least because the mess they are in is somewhat embarrassing. Fortunately you will go out of your way to help.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It may worry you that someone is being so secretive but you have nothing to fear. The reason they don't want you to know what they are up to is because they're afraid you won't approve.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be going through a difficult phase but you are not alone. If you ask for help today you will be surprised by how much you get. It's called loyalty.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Play by the rules, even if you are pretty sure that you could get away with ignoring them. You may not realize it but you are a role model to a great many people.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know they have ulterior motives it will still do your ego a power of good.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is your work a chore? Then it's the wrong thing for you. Take time out of your busy schedule to ask yourself what kind of work would make you happy — then start moving towards that as your goal.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A creative project will start to come right today and you will be delighted to have something to show for your efforts. But don't stop there. Now you've got the momentum going you must keep it going. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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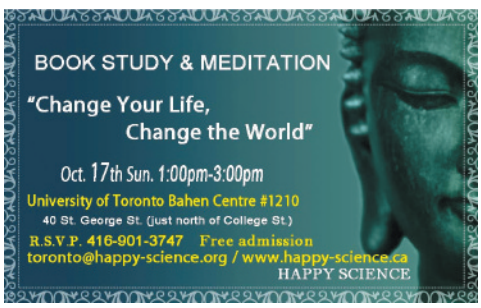

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0% FINANCING FOR UP TO 84 MONTHS ON SELECT 2010 MODELS**

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HWY: 7.4L/100KM (38 MPG)
CITY: 10.6L/100KM (27 MPG)

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Offer includes: Delivery & Destination $1,650 | Fees $134

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Rio EX shown

2011 KIA RIO

0% Finance APR for **84 MONTHS**.**

\+ $500 GAS CREDIT THIS MONTH ONLY▾

With payments starting as low as **$181**▲ Per month for 84 months

HWY: 5.8 L/100KM (49 MPG)
CITY: 7.1 L/100KM (40 MPG)

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Soul 4u shown

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LEASE IT FROM **$239**‹ Per month for 48 months

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